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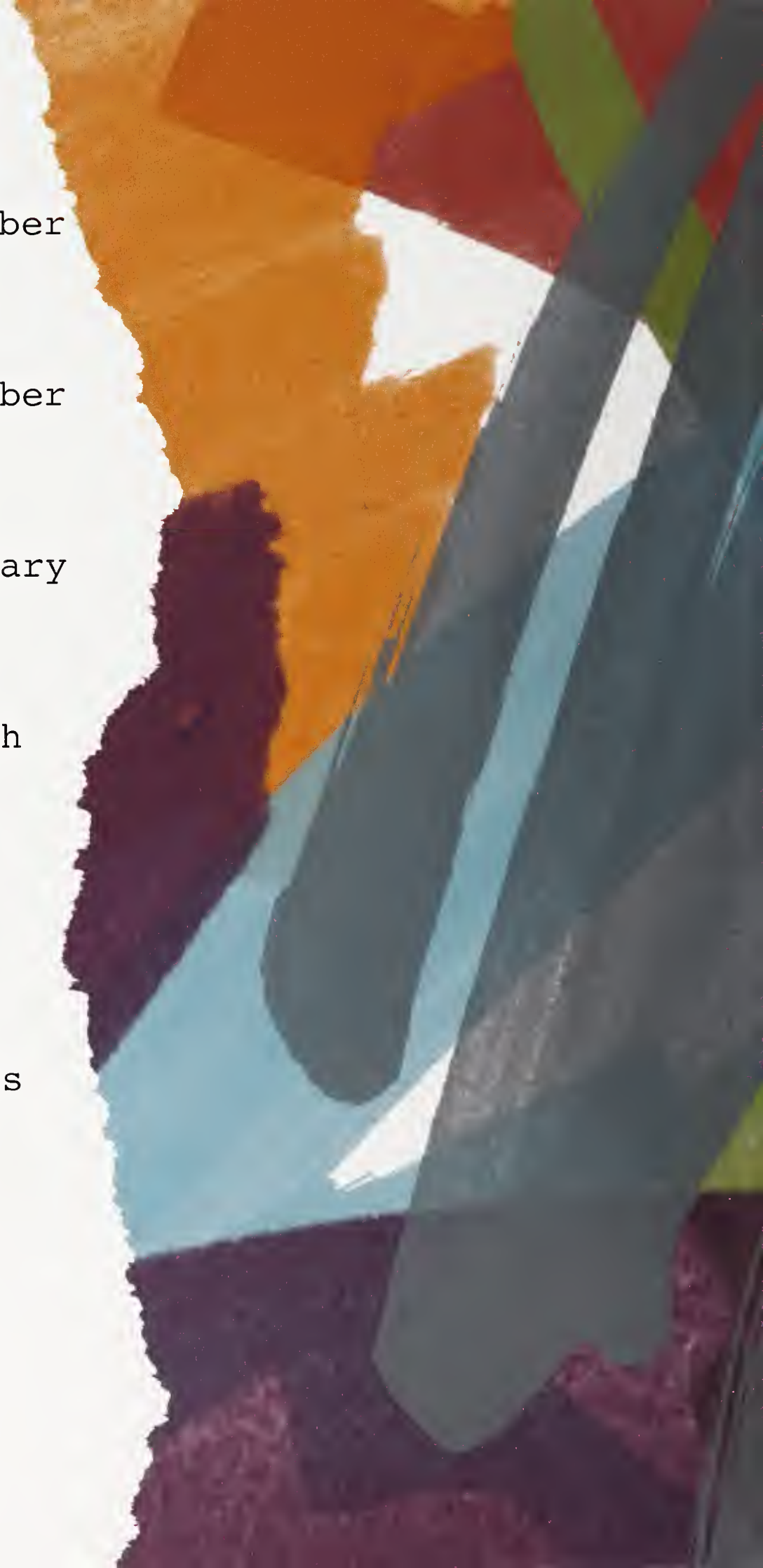
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leaving your mark

Our marks are how we make ourselves known to the world and how the world chooses to recognize and remember us. From footprints at birth to signatures on graduation diplomas, marks are what prove we were here.

As the Cuban-born American artist Félix González-Torres once said, "Above all else, it is about leaving a mark that I existed: I was here. I was happy. I was sad. I was in love. I was afraid. I was hopeful. I had an idea and I had a purpose. That's why I made works of art."

For many first-years walking onto campus for the first time, they eagerly anticipate how they will leave a mark on not only Elon but also the world. Whether you choose to leave a mark through articles in the Pendulum, a showcase in Arts West, center stage in McCrary, on-campus leadership, or in the end zone of Rhodes Stadium, we are all constantly shaping how Elon will remember us.

While it is easy to get caught up in leaving a physical mark, it does not have to be: spend your time in service, be a friend to someone who needs one, choose to do good.

As we journey through our short four years on this campus, may we take every opportunity that comes our way. May we leave marks on this campus that remind others of who we were, what we fought for, and the positive impacts we left behind.

While our time here is short and we will soon leave to make our marks all over the world, we will always have Elon to remind us of our beginnings. May you leave marks along your way that inspire, challenge and humble you. May your journey always lead you home.

Laurel Wind '19
Editor-in-Chief

a new beginning

PRESIDENT BOOK'S FIRST MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

You and I will have a special bond, forever forward: My first graduating class as Elon University's ninth president. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for welcoming me into this powerful community with excitement and enthusiasm that I will remember and cherish forever.

At this very moment, each of you stands before a powerful line. Soon you will cross over from student to graduate of Elon University.

One of your classmates, Xena Burwell, told me the other evening that prior to this moment, her life had followed a family plan: kindergarten to college. For the first time, all of the next steps in life would be her own and she's right; the next steps are your own.

While you have your family and friends and your Elon community all around you, the choices about what's next are yours to make. Today in this moment, on that line, I want you to remember one word in the university's mission statement: freedom.

It is in the opening sentence, "Elon University embraces its founder's vision of an academic community that transforms mind, body, and spirit and encourages freedom of thought and liberty of conscience." Freedom, it's such a powerful word that instills a sense of excitement and fear all at the same time. Excitement that we have the privilege of choice and fear that we have the responsibility of choice.

Your Elon education, that transformation of mind, body, and spirit, is now a part of you and what happens next in your lives and while the freedom of choices will bring a bevy of exciting adventures, my hope is you bring Elon's honor code into every freedom of choice in your life. That honor code has served as a backdrop, literally posted in every classroom on campus. The simplicity of its message is powerful. For this I am certain, with your Elon education and with

this honor code in play, no matter what choices you make for yourself, you will find success.

The four essential behaviors of that honor code are the light, the lumen in Elon graduates: honesty: be truthful in your work and in your relationships; integrity: be truth worthy, fair, and ethical; responsibility: be accountable for your actions; respect: be civil, value the human dignity of each person. Remember, we are forever bound together by this honor code: You, me, and Elon. I have no doubt that each of you, exercising your freedom, will have a hand in shaping the world.

Today, as you stand ready to cross the line toward tomorrow, I charge each of you as new Elon graduates to harness your knowledge and freedom as our seal depicts Numen Lumen: knowledge and light. You will face inevitable challenges in your personal and professional lives and that comes with the freedom of choice. I charge you to be resilient and steadfast like the mighty oaks for which Elon is named.

Today as a reminder of Elon's mission, our community's honor code, and hope of Numen Lumen that you bring to the world, we offer you a gift: a small oak sapling. Plant it in a place where it will prosper and will be a meaningful one to you for the rest of your life. Oaks are important, they symbolize Elon's strength, our community's strength, and in your freedom to choose, always choose the highest levels of integrity, be resilient and unwavering, bring light and clarity, and shine brightly for the common good.

This is what Elon expects from you today and what the world needs from you tomorrow. Now let's cross that line. Class of 2018, on the count of three, please join me in that final Elon tradition...

Long live Elon.

PRESIDENT CONNIE LEDOUX BOOK, MAY 19, 2018



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Total Eclipse of the Heart

The world was treated to a spectacular view of the total solar eclipse as residents of 14 states caught glimpses of the event



They gathered on lawn chairs and porches, in parks and on sidewalks, next to one another and miles apart. Families in and across the central region of the United States were treated to a magnificent display of nature in the form of a total solar eclipse.

Anyone within the path of totality had eyes on the sky as the moon crossed fully over the sun mid-August. Even a hundred miles away the effects of the eclipse were felt when the bright sunny afternoon suddenly plundered into an unexplainable hazy darkness.

For about two minutes and 40 seconds, the moon and sun would overlap seamlessly in the eyes of the inspired crowds below. The event was so anticipated that protective eyewear was sold both online and in stores.

There was a real danger of watching the eclipse for too long, so many were tasked with creating makeshift eclipse viewers out of cardboard boxes and ingenuity. The day would end with what many speculated to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. The next total solar eclipse is said to occur in April of 2024.



Trump's Immigration Reform

Trump's immigration plan for the upcoming year has individuals fighting back

The debate was two-sided: Are we not a free nation accepting of all people? But how many people can we allow to come into this country illegally before our standard of living capsizes?

Republicans and Democrats have never seen eye-to-eye on this issue, rather they've been debating in terms of polar opposites. Six months into the presidency, Republican Donald Trump embraced a plan that would aim to slash immigration to the United States in half within the decade by sharply curtailing the ability for immigrants to bring their families into the states without reparations.

The immigration plan would eventually lead to further reaching reformations in government and would start the limitation of endless newcomers into the country.



Irma-gerd: It's a Hurricane



The East Coast was hit with heavy weather and category 5 Hurricane Irma in September

September was the month for storms. Two to three massive hurricanes pounded the East Coast and devastated the populations living there.

The first and worst was the Hurricane Irma off the Leeward Islands and bearing down for the eastern region of the United States. Irma developed from a tropical wave near Cape Verde and unruly conditions allowed it to gain force and power forming into a category 3 hurricane by the time it was just 24 hours old.

Just one week later, Irma peaked with 180-mph winds and a maximum power of 914 hPa making it the second most intense tropical cyclone worldwide and throughout history.

On land, residents up and down the East Coast were forced to prepare for what was believed to be a catastrophic touchdown with winds maxing over the small and rural coastal towns. For one week, Irma hounded homes and clogged up streets with murky water. Winds reached high speeds as predicted and when it ran its course, the category 5 hurricane disappeared over Missouri.

Following the dissipation of Irma residents from Cape Verde to the Leeward Island, the Bahamas to the Eastern United States were left picking up the pieces of their altered existences.

In the process, homes had been destroyed and lives had been forever changed. The aftermath of Hurricane Irma amounted damages up to \$64 billion worth of rebuilding. But it was not the end, two weeks later, another hurricane would take Irma's place in the history books. Its name was Maria.

DACA, or the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals, was an Obama-Era program that guaranteed the protection of young, undocumented immigrants from deportation back over the border. But the peace settlement was only settled for a time.

With the election of Republican President Donald Trump, the new presidential administration is making aims to strip DACA from the record books. Trump has said of his decision that his intent is to protect "the millions of Americans victimized by this unfair system."

Protests broke out on either side at the recollection that DACA was up for debate. Some pledging it as a cold-hearted move on Republicans part or the failure of past administrations to limit illegal immigration.

The White House would portray the decision as a matter of legal necessity, a means to return American jobs to legal American citizens and a advocacy for legal citizenship for people wanting to enter the country.

For now, the house remains divided on the issue of DACA.

The Debate for DACA

Children of illegal immigrants fear for the future in the wake of Trump's plans to remove DACA





CAPTION: The scenic view of a bridge in West Virginia. (Photo by Maria Mills).

little oaks, big adventures

SUMMER IN WEST VIRGINIA

Over the summer, incoming Phoenix had the opportunity to participate in several introductory programs to give them the opportunity to meet new people before move-in day. Maria Mills, who attended the "Adventures in Leadership" summer program, described her experience.

Q:

What program did you participate in? How was your experience?

A:

The "Adventures in Leadership" program was very fun. I had never been camping before, but the student facilitators as well as other first-years within the program were very supportive and answered all of my questions.

CAPTION: The "Adventures in Leadership" group poses prior to leaving to head home. (Photo by Maria Mills).





CAPTION: Maria Mills and friends pose in front of the scenic bridge in West Virginia. (Photo by Maria Mills).

CAPTION: A fire the group built as part of a team building activity. (Photo by Maria Mills).



Q:
What did you do in "Adventures in Leadership"?
What was your favorite part or activity?

A:
During the trip, we set up camp multiple places, took hikes, repelled off of a cliff, white water rafted, and played many bonding activities. My favorite part was probably the nights while camping because I was able to see so many stars I don't have the opportunity to see in Maryland.

Q:
Would you recommend this or other summer programs to incoming first years?

A:
I would 100% recommend this to other incoming students. It was a great way to feel comfortable with other students and helped with my transition into college.

Story by: EMMANUELA SALECKI



movin' and groovin'

THE START OF SOMETHING NEW

On August 25, the Class of 2021 began leaving its mark on campus. All 1,583 students experienced the usual first-year activities including First Night Elon and New Student Convocation.

Everything was new to the Class of 2021, but many returning students witnessed the result of the summer's renovations. Both West and Virginia halls were refurbished over the summer; one of the renovations included adding a wheelchair ramp outside Virginia. The Center for Design Thinking and the second Makerhub on campus were added to the top floor of Elon Town Center.

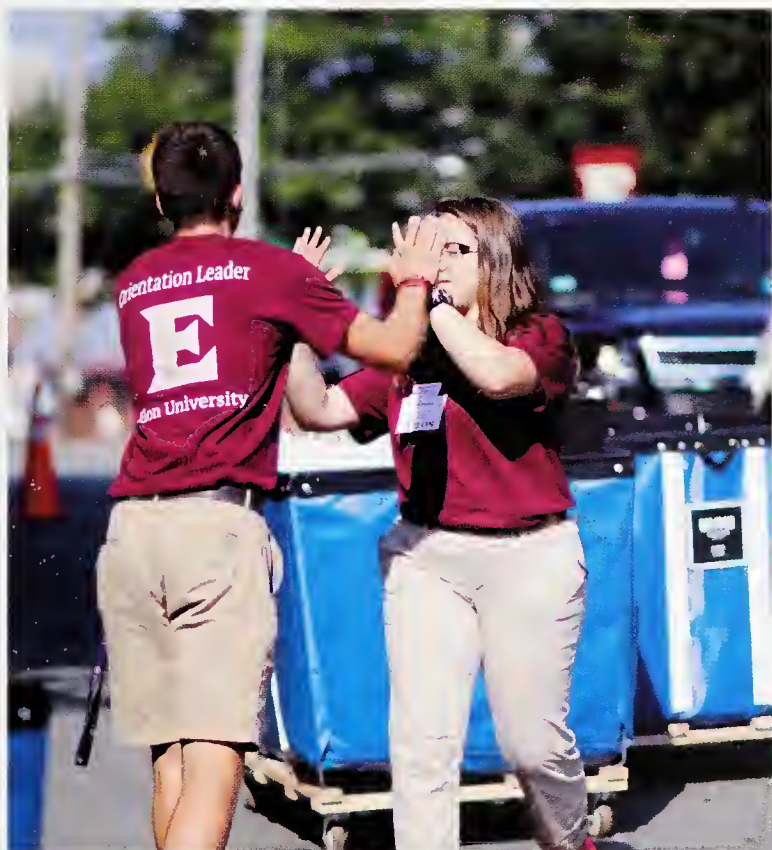
Whether they experienced everything for the first time or continued to leave their marks on campus, several faculty gave advice for students upon their return to campus.

Jana Lynn Patterson, associate vice president of student life and dean of student health and wellness, said, "Take a deep breath and realize that as wonderful as your journey will be at Elon, there will be bumps along the road."

"It may look like you may be the only one feeling tired, lonely, distressed or homesick. That is not true. Our most successful students have failed at things and felt the same as you may be feeling."

"The key is to realize that learning to live with failure and to navigate distress are essential to growth and maturity," she added. "There are many resources here to help you navigate."

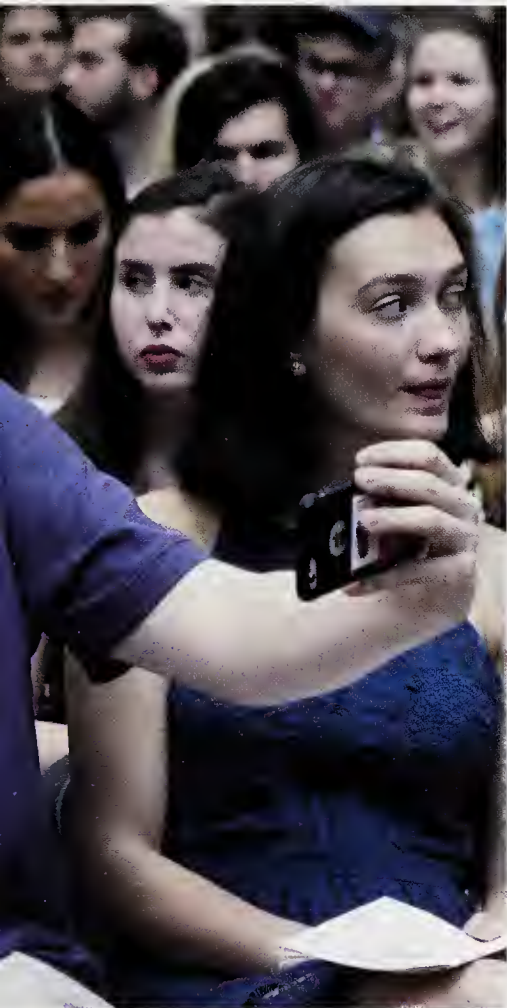
LAUREL WIND



CAPTIONS: 1) Wynter Wates and Avery Hunt help first-year students move into their dorms in the Global Neighborhood. (Photo by University Communications). The two students were part of O-Team and helped new students and families on move-in day. 2) Patrick Larsen and Jake Keisler DJ outside the newly renovated Virginia Hall. The two students were members of the executive staff for WSOE 89.3. (Photo by Laurel Wind). 3) Two orientation leaders high-five in the middle of move-in day. Orientation leaders played a vital role in the week leading up to classes. (Photo by University Communications).

CAPTIONS: 1) Kate Axness and Jack Taylor take a selfie to document their convocation experience. (Photo by University Communications). 2) President Leo Lambert gives his last New Student Convocation speech. After convocation, students received an acorn, a tradition started upon Lambert's presidency. (Photo by University Communications). 3) Preston Coleman receives an acorn signifying the start of his four-year journey. (Photo by University Communications).





under the oaks

PRESIDENT LEO LAMBERT'S TRADITION

At the end of orientation, President Leo Lambert gave his last New Student Convocation under the oaks, a tradition beloved by many.

Per tradition, President Lambert demonstrated the human bar graph, highlighting how fortunate the new students are to attend college.

President Lambert left the class with one piece of advice: "As your president, I want to advise you – have a great time, but don't be foolish.

"We live in a divided country. I am counting on you ... listen deeply, engage respectfully and make arguments based on reason," he added.

After the ceremony, students received an acorn symbolizing the beginning of their college experiences, a tradition that began at upon Lambert's presidency.

While this marks the beginning of a journey for many, it marks the end an era for one.

LAUREL WIND



backhand baby

15-7 RECORD HEADING INTO CAA CHAMPIONSHIP



CAPTIONS:

1) Salvador Mijares wins a doubles match with Neal Port in September. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Mario Medina and Neal Port are honored as the CAA Doubles Team of the Week. 3) The team huddles up before a tournament.



NEAL PORT



Was there ever a moment when you considered giving up? Why didn't you?

After senior year, I had another year of eligibility and I wasn't considering coming back until we lost in the semifinals of the CAA tournament. I knew I couldn't leave like this. I decided to come back and get my MBA and attempt to win the tournament with my boys.

What was the best advice you were ever given?

My mother always told me, "Don't stop working until you have achieved what you want."

If you could have one song playing during a match, what would it be and why?

"Mockingbird." Eminem is my favorite artist, and I have good memories when I listen to that song. It is the last song I listen to before I put my headphones away for the match to start.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I believe I made an impact on the school and program to the fullest of my abilities. I will look back at my experience here with only incredible memories and will always come back and visit my second home.

CAPTIONS: 1) Kristen Ward and Suzanne Zenoni high-five after winning a doubles match. Braschi was a biochemistry major from Puerto Rico. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Sophomore Alex Koniaeve hits the ball in a tournament. Koniaeve was a biochemistry major New York. 3) The team of nine poses for a photograph with their coaches Elizabeth Anderson and Bret Beaver.



ERICA BRASCHI

What position do you play?

I am currently playing #2 singles and #2 doubles (with Olivia Lucas as my partner).

If you could meet any tennis player, who would it be and why?

I would meet Justine Henin, a retired Belgian professional player who inspired me with her one-hand backhand.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

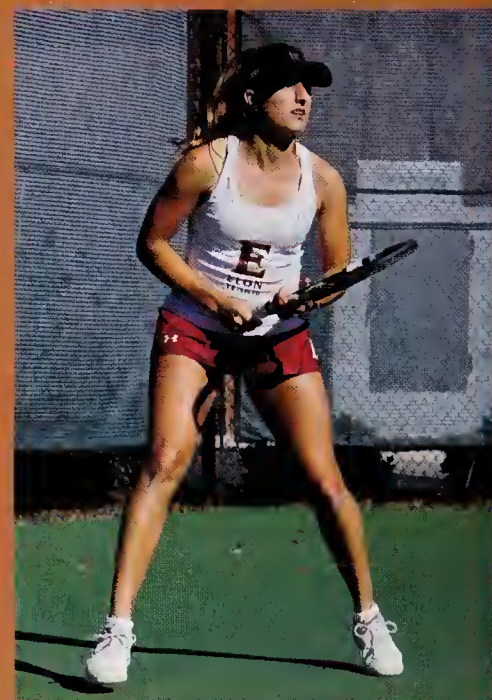
I draw inspiration from my teammates. Knowing I am part of a team regardless of the situation offers me the ability to enjoy what I do.

How long have you been playing tennis? Why did you start?

I have been playing tennis since I was about 10 years old. I started taking lessons because I wanted to try out for my middle school's team. Once I started competing, I loved it.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I think I have left my mark at Elon through the relationships I have built. My team, mentors, professors and classmates at Elon are what have made my college years so special.



get served

WOMEN'S TENNIS HOSTS FALL INVITATIONAL



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The Las Vegas Shooting

On October 1, a gunman opened fire and killed nearly 60 concert-goers on the Las Vegas strip

Ten minutes and the deadliest mass shooting to date was over. Between the hours of 10:05 and 10:15 PM Stephen Paddock fired more than 1,100 rounds of ammunition from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel onto the unsuspecting crowds below.

The shooting, although unknown in motive, was carefully planned. It was hinted that the loud music of the concert below, for a time, masked the sounds of bullets raining down and many thought it was the sound of fireworks.

By the time the crowds knew what was happening it was too late. Ten minutes of chaos ensued and by the end, nearly 60 were dead including the perpetrator with more than 850 wounded by gunfire.

Following the shooting, the world took to the stage to begin the first protests against gun violence. The attention reached the White House as President Trump called Paddock, "a very, very sick individual."



The Las Vegas shooting brought into context the mental health of the perpetrator and started the discussion as to whether those with mental illness should be allowed to hold or buy guns.

In total, more than 24 firearms and a large quantity of ammunition were removed from Paddock's apartment, a fact that sent shivers through the spines of all Americans.



Fired Up: California Style

More than 250 wildfires scorched through sunny California this past October

It was different from the normal fall wildfires that it was dubbed the Northern California firestorm.

For almost the entire month of October, 250 wildfires sprung up, destroying more than 245,000 Californian acres and displacing around 90,000 residents across the state, 44 of whom would lose their lives.

In all more than 8,900 buildings were destroyed costing more than \$9.4 billion in repairs.

California has yet to see another season of wildfires that have matched the intensity or the destructiveness of the 2017 wildfires.

Travel Banning

In the wake of recent terrorist attacks, President Trump implements the first part of his proposed Travel Ban

When President Donald Trump was first elected as the 45th president, one of his top platforms was to limit terrorism by any means. Trump kept his promise when he initiated the idea of a temporary travel ban against people coming from the Middle East, the main site for growing threats of terrorism.

There was an immediate outcry against Trump's plan for reformation but the limitations continued nonetheless in the month of November when the U.S. appeals court

in California let the travel ban go partially into effect, allowing the government to ban entry of residents and undocumented immigrants coming from six Muslim-majority countries including Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, and Chad.

Immigrants who still had a plan for after relocation including a family to stay with, a job, or schooling, were allowed entry into the country as they were seen as more trustworthy and likely to contribute to the United States economy.



The country was once again divided by this decision. Hawaii, which earlier this year sued the government against the ban did not take part in the implementation of the partial travel ban.

It is unclear as to whether the United States is for better or for worse under this new protocol, the bottom line is that action is being taken to combat terrorism.

The Modern War and Peace

A Church, a place of peace and tranquility, was the target of yet another shooting in mid-November

The First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas was yet another victim of a merciless shooting. Twenty-six people were killed when Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, of a neighboring county was charged with the crime and the planned murder of all involved.

Kelley was known to have been previously attuned to violence as he was court-martialed in 2012 after being found guilty of assaulting his spouse and their child.

A similar instance where a repeated offender was released back into society had individuals angered by the continuous letdown of those who allow violent individuals to cohabitate with nonviolent individuals.

The first responders were said to be met with a scene they shall not soon forget.



Kelley had precisely planned his attack on the serene churchgoers and many were left defenseless when he opened fire on their small, holy gathering. The setting itself had the religious community angered beyond words.

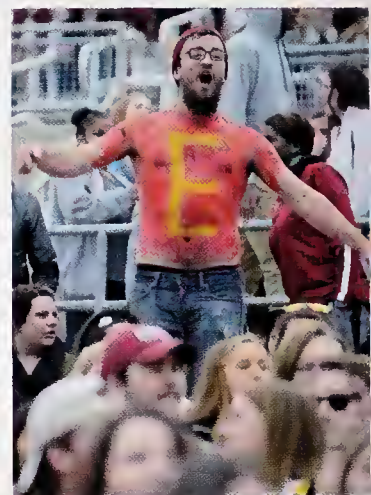
Children and the elderly were all involved in the scores of victims left behind at the massacre.



phoenix phanatics

A NEW ERA

1) Xena Burwell, Jordyn St. Holder, Briya Ware, Lexy Roberts and Maya Eaglin cheer for the Phoenix during the team's season of revival. (All photos by University Communications). 2) Senior Josh Bothwell shows his school pride at Rhodes Stadium. The revival of the football team brought fans from all across campus to the football games. 3) Senior Trevor Murrah and a fellow Phoenix fan set high expectations for the new and improved team. 4) Megan Graves, Sarah Carpenter and Calleigh West support the players from the sidelines. The surplus of fans created an irresistible energy every weekend.





guard the yard

NEW HEAD COACH BRINGS THE REVIVAL OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM



CAPTIONS: 1) The team prepares to run out onto the field. The smoke that leads the team out is a well-known tradition. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 2) Elon pushed Albany out of the way, and the Phoenix won 6-0. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 3) The kicking team practices kickoffs before the game starts. (Photo by Serena Archer).





Record: 8-4

Toledo	L 13-47
Furman	W 34-31
Charleston Southern	W 19-17
Richmond	W 36-33
Albany	W 6-0
William & Mary	W 25-17
Rhode Island	W 35-34
Villanova	W 19-14
Towson	W 33-30
New Hampshire	L 6-16
James Madison	L 3-31
Furman	L 27-28

After several losing seasons in a row, the Phoenix turned over a new leaf under the direction of a new head coach. In November, Curt Cignetti coached the Phoenix into the team's first winning season since 2010. The Phoenix climbed the ranks throughout the season, reaching as high as #7.

The team won its homecoming game in dramatic fashion (double overtime) and made it to the FCS playoffs, losing in a nail-biting conclusion to Furman, 28-27.

The revival of the football team brought with it a packed Rhodes Stadium and new fan base on campus and from alumni around the world.

LAUREL WIND

Johnathan Jackson

How long have you been playing football? Why did you start?

I have been playing football since I was 7 years old. My older brother introduced me to the game. I remember watching him play growing up and I wanted to follow that path.

Which game was the most memorable this year and why?

The most memorable game to me was the Richmond game. People said we had no chance of winning and we proved the doubters wrong. That was the first game that we all realized that we were a new team.

If you could have one song playing during a game, what would it be?

I would play "Show Out" by Roscoe Dash because it gives me enthusiasm to go out and perform.

Where do you get your inspiration from?

I draw inspiration from reading scriptures. They motivate me before the game.

How have you left your mark?

I left my mark at Elon by creating relationships that will last a lifetime.





GRANT JONES



How long have you been cheering? Why did you start?

I began cheering my first year and continued all four years. I joined cheer because it is an opportunity to be an athlete while supporting other athletes at the same time.

Was there ever a moment when you considered giving up?

At the end of my sophomore year, I was the only guy on the team and wasn't sure if I wanted to keep cheering because of that.

If you could have one song playing during a game, what would it be and why?

"Flashing Lights" by Kanye West. The swagger I feel when I hear this song is the kind of swagger I like to have during games.

What was the best advice you were ever given?

My parents always told me, "Tough times don't last, tough people do."

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I left my mark on Elon by keeping a coed cheer team alive, if I had quit after sophomore year, there wouldn't be a coed team today.

more than just on the sidelines

COED CHEER FLIES HIGH



CAPTIONS: 1) Down, up, one! A push-up for every point, the team gets into the spirit of the game. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 2) Junior Colleen Crowley, senior Mikayla Born, and sophomore Carrie Tucker work together to perfect their stunts. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 3) Senior Rod Salazar holds up Carlie Huberman at a game in Rhodes Stadium. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 4) Sophomore Ryan Cox shows his Phoenix pride by leading the fans in cheers. (Photo by Zion McKnight).



you should be dancing

DANCE TEAM LED BY JUNIOR CAPTAIN





ELLY DIRKS

What is your position on the dance team?

I am captain of dance team!

What do you do during practice to help you succeed?

During practices I really try to keep the energy high. We have very long practices and its easy to get worn out, so whenever I begin to feel tired I remind myself of why I dance and also of the goals we have set as a team. That always brings out my energy.

What is your biggest dance team related challenge?

I think the biggest dance team related challenge is that we have a very long season- starting in August and ending after nationals in April. Therefore, we must take care of our bodies and be sure to stay as healthy as we can!

How have you left your mark on the dance team as a captain?

I believe I have left my mark by setting an example for the underclassmen. I hope that I have shared with them my love for this team, as well as my determination and commitment to be the absolute best we can be.

CAPTIONS: 1) Chloe Kennedy and Hana Sedivy practice routines before a football game. (All photos by Zion McKnight). 2) Chloe Kennedy, Brielle Ricciardi and Elly Dirks dance at a football game. 3) Sophomore Kehler Bryant walks down Bank of America Drive during a tailgate in the fall. 4) Brielle Ricciardi and Natalie Wright cheer on the team.





CAPTIONS: 1) Junior Ty Vandermoden does laps in Belk Pool. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Erin Byrne, Elanor Snyder and Taylor Turgeon pose during Zumbathon in February. 3) Sophomore Stephanie Brendel shows off her moves in a zumba class. 4) Students gather in Belk Pool to play a game of Battleship.





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CAMPUS RECREATION





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inspiring hope

FALL CONVOCATION

David Cameron, former prime minister of the United Kingdom, spoke at Fall Convocation on October 5 in Alumni Gym.

Cameron addressed the current state of the world but remained positive saying, "I am an optimist – a glass half full kind of guy. Just 'cause something isn't perfect, it doesn't mean we should ditch it."

In regard to where the world is headed and how students can help shape its direction, Cameron suggested three things: understand the current unease about globalization, win arguments again for the right values in politics, and have clear thinking about values.

Above all, Cameron reaffirmed the bond between the United States and the United Kingdom and the values that they believe in.

As a concluding thought, Cameron said, "We are the guardians of freedom, tolerance, and justice. In all the change and uncertainty around us, hold fast to those things."

"They are what made America, and for that matter, Britain, great, and if we believe in them, work for them, fight for them, then we really will be great again."

MATT REICHENBACH



acapocalypse

A HALLOWEEN-THEMED BENEFIT CONCERT

Hand-painted pumpkins with the logos of a cappella groups lined the front of the stage in Whitley Auditorium for this year's second annual Acapocalypse, hosted by the Shirley Tempos.

The Halloween-themed benefit concert featured all a cappella groups: Shirley Tempos, Smooth Progressions, Rip_Chord, Twisted Measure, Sweet Signatures, and Vital Signs. Each group dressed in different Halloween costumes, including high school stereotypes, Ty Beanie

Babies, and mad scientists.

WA Capella, an a cappella group from Western Alamance High School, took the stage in Act I to perform "Diamonds in Paris" and "Sweet Annie."

Proceeds from the event went to Camp Sunshine, a nonprofit organization with the mission of hosting "retreats... for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families."

JORDAN LEVINE





CAPTIONS: 1) With the men of Smooth Progressions surrounding him, Jack Snow belts out a note during the benefit concert. The members of the a cappella group dressed as high school stereotypes. (All photos by Cory Weller and Abby Gibbs). 2) Two members of Vital Signs dance to the beat. 3) The members of Shirley Tempus sing in harmony together.



saying farewell

COMMUNICATIONS DEAN STEPS DOWN AFTER 17 YEARS

After serving as the dean of the School of Communications for 17 years, Paul Parsons thought it was time for a change.

Parsons began his Elon tenure as the founding dean and ends his deanship with a nationally recognized and accredited school. His tenure brought with it the completion of buildings that more than doubled the size of facilities of the school, a third accreditation, and new majors such as communication design and media analytics.

After a sabbatical, Parsons will return to the school as a professor, something he planned to do from the beginning.

"Early on in my time as dean, I told a number of people, including the Provost, that I want to finish my time here as a professor – not as a dean," Parsons said. "I feel as if I'm fulfilling a promise and a pledge I made to myself."

While many will remember the national accomplishments of Parson's tenure, the students will remember the relationships he built and organizations he created to ensure student success.

His work with the School of Communications Advisory Board and creation of Live Oak Communications set the standard of dedication and engagement for future deans and created spaces for students to continue to push the boundaries for many years to come.

LAUREL WIND

CAPTION: Dean Paul Parsons with daughter, Catherine, wife, Mary Helen, and President Connie Book at the School of Communications' national advisory board meeting in April. (Photo by University Communications).







CAPTION: "I created Brooklynn Street in high school as a place for fashion, lifestyle and inspirational content" - Brooke Lowrey. (Photo by Brooke Lowrey).



CAPTION: Brooke Lowrey styles a shaggy, sassy and fun look. Style up your season with comfy statement pieces. (Photo by Brooke Lowrey).



CAPTION: Hannah Siverling takes an edge approach to fashion. (Photo by Brooke Lowrey).

fashion on the block: brooklynn street

A SPOTLIGHT ON BROOKE LOWREY: THE ENTREPRENEUR WHO
HAS EVOLVED HER FASHION BLOG INTO AN ONLINE SENSATION

One of the first things you will read when familiarizing yourself with Brooklynn Street is its mantra: "It is all about allowing your most amazing and authentic self to shine through and be forever present, and clothes can be your greatest accessory."

Brooklynn Street, founded in 2010, was created by senior Brooke Lowrey, who was intent on creating not only a blog or a boutique, but a brand.

"I opened my store in October this past year as an extension of my blog. I created Brooklynn Street in high school as a place for fashion, lifestyle and inspirational content," Lowrey said.

Inspired by her grandmother's effortlessly chic looks, Lowrey transformed her initial online blog into a boutique with an appealing fashion sense. Through social media and her customer base, Lowrey's fashion empire has become more popular. Offering chic looks, Brooklynn Street has a variety of clothing — everything from flowy frocks to shaggy sweaters and even statement jewelry.

Lowrey is always looking to expand her business and try to build a platform for strong women. She has effectively been able to extend her brand to thousands, stretching across the community. Bubbling with success, Brooklynn Street is a rising force to be reckoned with in the fashion world.

LINDSAY SILVERMAN



CAPTION: Hannah Siverling models a flowy and fun look — Brooklynn Street offers a variety of chic looks.
(Photo by Brooke Lowrey).

crowning glory

FIRST HOMECOMING WIN SINCE 2012

On November 4, the Phoenix football team took the field and faced the Towson Tigers during its annual Homecoming game.

Elon alumni traveled from across the world to support the Phoenix and new head coach, Curt Cignetti. Thanks to football team's 7-1 record heading into the contest, the crowd was enthusiastic and hopeful to see another Elon victory.

But Towson hit the field running, opening the

game with a 10-0 lead. With a minute to spare in the opening quarter, Elon running back De'Sean McNair responded with Elon's first points. From there, the two teams traded the lead back and forth.

It would all come down to not one, but two overtime periods, each 10 minutes in length. A field goal made by kicker Owen Johnson helped Elon prevail in the end, beating Towson 33-30.

KAITLIN BROZEK





CAPTIONS: 1) Members of the marching band welcome students, faculty, alumni and guests to the Homecoming festivities with a parade prior to taking their place in the Elon stands. (Photo by University Communications). 2) The football team braves the rain as it goes head to head, and eventually defeats, the Towson Tigers. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 3) After weeks of campaigning and promoting both themselves and their respective philanthropies to peers, seniors Gabby Vance and Alonzo Cee are crowned Homecoming royalty. (Photo by Zion McKnight). 4) Leo Lambert joins his family in cheering on the Elon football team for his last Homecoming game as president. (Photo by University Communications).



A full-page photograph of Jon Bellion performing on stage. He is wearing a red and white hoodie with a yellow graphic on the sleeve and is holding a microphone. The background is dark with a bright stage light visible. The text "singing in the rain" is overlaid in a cursive font on the right side of the image.

singing in the rain

BAD WEATHER CAN'T STOP JON
BELLION AS HE ROCKS THE STAGE

CAPTION: Jon Bellion performs during the fall 2017
Homecoming Concert. (Photo by Matthew Simmons).

The rain poured down on campus when Jon Bellion performed, but that didn't stop him from rocking the house. The nationally renowned singer-songwriter, originally from New York, sported his Elon pride on stage during this year's Homecoming Concert by wearing a Phoenix jersey.

From his fast-paced jam "All Time Low" to slower ballads like "80's Films," Bellion made sure to bring all his latest tunes.

Energy, passion, and excitement flowed through the crowd. The singer also made sure to show off his rapping skills.

Bellion oozed with passion as he performed, making the rain feel almost nonexistent. By the concert's end, the crowd was begging for more entertainment.

LINDSAY SILVERMAN



CAPTION: Bellion makes use of every instrument he has. (Photo by Matthew Simmons).



CAPTION: Bellion looks emotional as he sings on stage. (Photo by Thomas Perry).



CAPTION: Bellion gets the audience pumped. (Photo by Thomas Perry).





CAPTIONS: 1) The ensemble performs a show-stopping rendition of "Before the Parade Passes By." (Photos by University Communications). 2) Senior Chloe Robin, as Dolly Levi, wows the crowd with her stunning vocals and iconic Dolly personality. Robin was a musical theatre major.

good golly miss dolly!

YONKERS COMES TO CAMPUS

The Department of Performing Arts graced the community with the Broadway hit "Hello, Dolly!" This memorable musical ran for six performances and captured the attention of audiences with joyful songs and beautiful costumes.

The show brought its audience back to the 1960s, the time of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the beginning of the Vietnam War, and the constant threat of nuclear war that plagued America.

"Hello, Dolly!" originally opened in 1964. Audiences found respite through the entertaining musical. It tells the story of love, leaping into the unknown, and overcoming grief.

The star of this show was none other than senior Chloe Robin. Robin did a tremendous job as Dolly and has done more work in performances such as "Little Women," "Parade" and "Working" just at Elon alone.

A music theatre major from Florida, Robin gave it her all and helped to make the Elon show a hit.

As the director, Catherine McNeela said, "Thank you for taking the journey with us ..."

MYASIA RAGLAND



CAPTIONS: 1) The brothers of AKPsi celebrate their successful 5K walk/run philanthropy event to benefit suicide prevention. (All photos courtesy of Max Struble). 2) Carli Miller, Liz O'Brien, Meghan Lucas, Monika Znosko and Monique Hanna soak in the early spring rays while showing their AKPsi spirit. 3) Monique Hanna and Meghan Lucas show their philanthropic side at the 5K walk/run. 4) The Beta Rho pledge class of AKPsi enjoys its initiation.





alpha kappa psi

BUSINESS FRATERNITY GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Alpha Kappa Psi is one of three business fraternities offered by the Love School of Business.

Established at the school in 1985 and advised by Henry Walling and Pat Bell, Alpha Kappa Psi, also known as AKPsi, has two main goals: promoting professional development outside the classroom and participating in service.

Max Struble, a junior and a member of the fraternity, said of the organization, "During each semester, AKPsi participates in a multitude of professional development events that help shape the individual both personally and professionally.

"Examples of these events include interactive workshops with recruiters to enhance the professional image, Q&A sessions with professors and leaders in

the community, and connection opportunities with professionals from local and worldwide companies," Struble added.

These professional development opportunities are extremely valuable in the business world, which is what attracted the current 70-plus members to AKPsi's brotherhood.

However, the organization is more than its professional perks. In March, AKPsi held a 5K walk/run, with proceeds benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

"The event was named in honor of brother Trent Stetler, who was lost to the cause in 2015," said Struble.

SARAH STONE

busy in dubai

BUSINESS FELLOWS EXPERIENCE THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Over Winter Term, the first-year Business Fellows traveled to the United Arab Emirates.

The students used the opportunity to explore different types of businesses from international corporations like Coca-Cola to smaller companies such as Intercoil and Nakheel. They were fortunate to get an inside look at how businesses function, both big and small.

In addition to these activities, the students took full advantage of their two weeks abroad. A few of the destinations included the Dubai Mall, Jebel Hafeet Mountain, and the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. They even rode camels through the Al Ain Desert.

The unique architecture and diverse wildlife of the country served as a lovely backdrop for their studies. Moreover, students got unique cultural experiences by exploring the cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

From gaining new knowledge about international and local business to exploring the Arab culture, the Business Fellows enjoyed a truly memorable and enriching trip.

ANNE-TILLERY MELSON





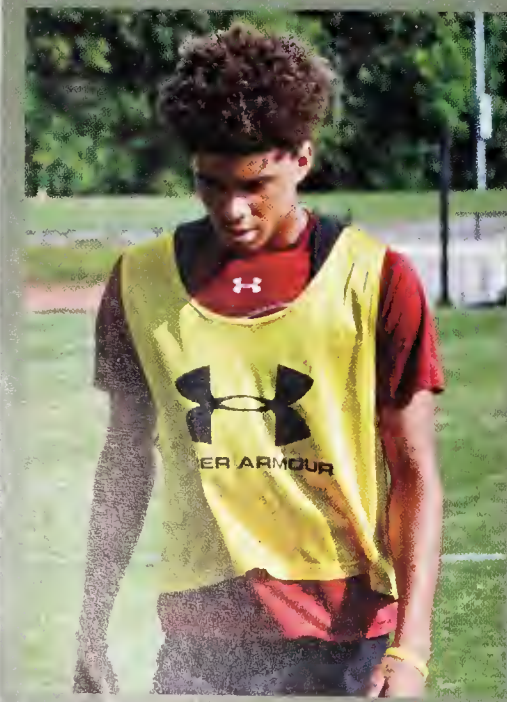
CAPTIONS: 1) Zack Irons admires the view of the sun setting in the Al Ain Desert. 2) All in good spirits, Colleen Palmer, Molly Chapin and Regan O'Donnell paused for a photo when visiting the Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi. 3) The female students on the trip wear pants popular with the locals when visiting the dunes. 4) Intercoil, a small Arab corporation, hosted the students for a day to learn more about business.

Flood the rudd

CONTINUING THE LEGACY



ELIJAH AGU



What position do you play?
Forward/midfield.

What are your favorite team traditions?

Every year all of the new players are asked to sing a song on the bus in front of the whole team. It is an embarrassing moment but creates a great bond.

What was the best advice you were ever given?

The best advice that I was given was that everything has a purpose and God has a plan. Things may not work out the way you want them to, but in the end, He knows better and everything will work out.

Where do you find inspiration?

Most of my inspiration comes from within. I have always wanted to be the best at what I do and seeing that there are always people out there better than me it pushed me to work harder every day.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I think that I left my mark in several ways, but the primary one [was] being a leader to the younger guys on the team. Having the opportunity to teach them so they are able to learn from my mistakes and elevate themselves to a level higher than my own is something that I enjoyed being a part of.



Record: 7-5-6

Presbyterian	W 2-0
High Point	W 3-0
RV Charlotte	T 1-1
Hofstra	T 1-1
NC State	T 0-0
James Madison	T 0-0
UNCW	L 1-2
C. of Charleston	T 0-0
Duke	L 0-1
William & Mary	L 0-1
Northeastern	W 4-0
Wake Forest	L 0-2
Drexel	W 1-0
Davidson	W 2-1
Delaware	W 1-0
C. of Charleston	L 1-2

After a season of ups and downs, the men's soccer team made it to the CAA Championships where it faced the College of Charleston for the second time that season.

The game was tied at halftime thanks to an Elijah Agu goal. But Charleston eventually won as a result of a penalty kick goal in the 65'.

LAUREL WIND



CAPTIONS: 1) Jaiden Fortune dribbles the ball away from a defending attacker. (Photo by University Communications). 2) Amir Berkane beats his opponent to the ball. (Photo by University Communications). 3) The soccer team meets for a huddle during practice. (Photo Courtesy of Facebook).

HANNA MACAULAY



What position do you play?

Goalkeeper.

What was your biggest achievement in soccer?

It would be committing to play soccer at Elon. I feel that it is the dream of many young soccer players to play Division I collegiate soccer, and I was able to make that dream a reality.

What do you do during training that helps you succeed?

I believe that you practice like you play, so it's important to come to every practice ready to work hard and get better.

If you could meet any soccer player, who would it be and why?

I would choose Mia Hamm. Growing up, I truly looked up to her and wanted to be just like her. She continues to be a great role model and prominent figure in the women's soccer community.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I feel that I have left a mark on the underclassmen on the team. Our team was closer than ever this year and I really hope that trend continues after I graduate.

Record: 9-6-4

North Florida	W 4-2
Jacksonville	W 2-1
UNCG	L 1-2
Chattanooga	W 4-1
Western Carolina	T 1-1
NC State	L 0-5
Richmond	W 2-1
High Point	W 5-1
UNC Asheville	W 2-1
Davidson	W 2-0
UNCW	T 1-1
James Madison	L 0-1
Towson	L 1-2
C. of Charleston	W 2-1
William & Mary	T 2-2
Northeastern	T 3-3
Hofstra	L 0-2
Delaware	W 2-1
Drexel	L 0-4



hershony goals

FINAL SEASON WITH LONGTIME COACH



CAPTIONS: 1) Team captains meet with referees before Elon's game against Davidson College. The Phoenix prevailed 2-0. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) The team celebrates after a victory. 3) Senior Lauren McKeever battles an NC State player. The Phoenix came up short against the ACC squad, 5-0. 4) Senior Tori Ballatico passes the ball to a teammate.





dig deep, hit hard

LAST SEASON IN ALUMNI GYM ENDS WITH 16-16 RECORD

CAPTIONS: 1) First-year Bella Seman, #2, celebrates with her teammates after winning a point against University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Charlotte Invitational tournament. (Photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Senior Sydney Busa makes a perfect pass while defending the back row. 3) Junior Maddie Jaudon serves a floater in the team's match against the University of Delaware.





SYDNEY BUSA

**What position do you play?
For how long?**

I was an outside hitter. I've been playing for nine years.

If you could have one song playing during a game, what would it be and why?

The one song I would pick is "Baby" or "Sorry" by Justin Bieber. The team is a huge JB fan, so we frequently have him on in the locker room.

If you could switch places with one teammate, who would it be and why?

If I could switch places with one teammate it would be Kodi Garcia. I would love to be a freshman, restart college, and experience all four years again. Also, I've always thought it would be so much fun being a setter, which is what Kodi plays.

What is your biggest volleyball related challenge?

My biggest volleyball related challenge was adjusting to the college game. I was thrown into the starting lineup as a freshman, so after just a month of preseason training, I was in a college match. My first collegiate match was against Maryland, a BIG TEN school. I remember being so nervous with such tall and strong girls on the other side of the net. I think I did a good job quickly adjusting, and I was thankful to have the opportunity to do so my freshman year.

What do you do during training that helps you succeed?

My sophomore year, I saw one of my seniors tear her ACL and end her college career very abruptly. She talked to us after the match and the rest of the season, and she emphasized over and over again to cherish every moment and to play for the person next to you. This mindset was a game changer for me, and I carried that with me for the rest of my collegiate career. It not only helped me on and off the court to make the most of my experience, but also [to] push myself to be better for the five other girls on the court.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I think I've left a mark of achievement and excellence on the volleyball court. Hopefully, future Elon volleyball players can see what I've done and work to achieve their best as well.



ROBERT SEEBOLD



Was there ever a moment when you considered giving up? Why didn't you?

As a golfer, you experience many highs and many lows. There have been many times where I've felt very discouraged but I never considered giving up. During these times it's key to have confidence and belief in your abilities.

What practices or rituals do you do to succeed?

In order to succeed you need to prepare. In golf, this means practicing all aspects of your game and testing yourself under pressure. On the day of an event you must have self-confidence in your preparation and mental toughness.

Which golf player do you most admire?

The golfer I most admire is Arnold Palmer. He has always been a role model for me because of his respect, integrity, perseverance and his overall character.

What is your best memory from your Elon career?

My best memory from my Elon career was our team trip to Scotland. Playing on some of golf's oldest courses and the experiences I shared with my teammates was unforgettable.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I have left my mark on Elon because of the importance I have shown on teamwork and hard work.



CAPTIONS: 1) Patrick Frodigh earns the lowest individual final round with one under-par 71 at the Clemson Invitational. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) First-year Quade Lukes competes in the Seahawk Intercollegiate. 3) First-year Dustin Blank cards his best round of the UNCG Martin Downs tournament with a two over par.



MEN'S GOLF PLACES FIRST
AT PHOENIX INVITATIONAL

may the course be with you

going clubbing

WOMEN'S GOLF SETS A NEW COURSE WITH 5 FIRST-YEARS



CAPTIONS: 1) Senior Heather Munro looks on after hitting the ball. (Photo courtesy of Munro). 2) First-year Michaela Cox shared 85th place with a 174 at the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate match. 3) Junior Katherine Reilly chips the ball during a tournament.



HEATHER MUNRO



**How long have you been golfing?
Why did you start?**

I have been golfing for about 12 years. My dad and brother introduced me to the game when I was nine years old. I soon became hooked and eventually moved on to representing Scotland internationally.

Which golf player do you most admire?

The golfer I admire the most is Jason Day. He seems to have his priorities in order and knows that there is more to life than golf.

What do you do in training that is key to your success?

I think the key to my success is spending just as much time on the course as the driving range. It is very easy to hit the ball straight on the driving range but it can be a different story when on the course.

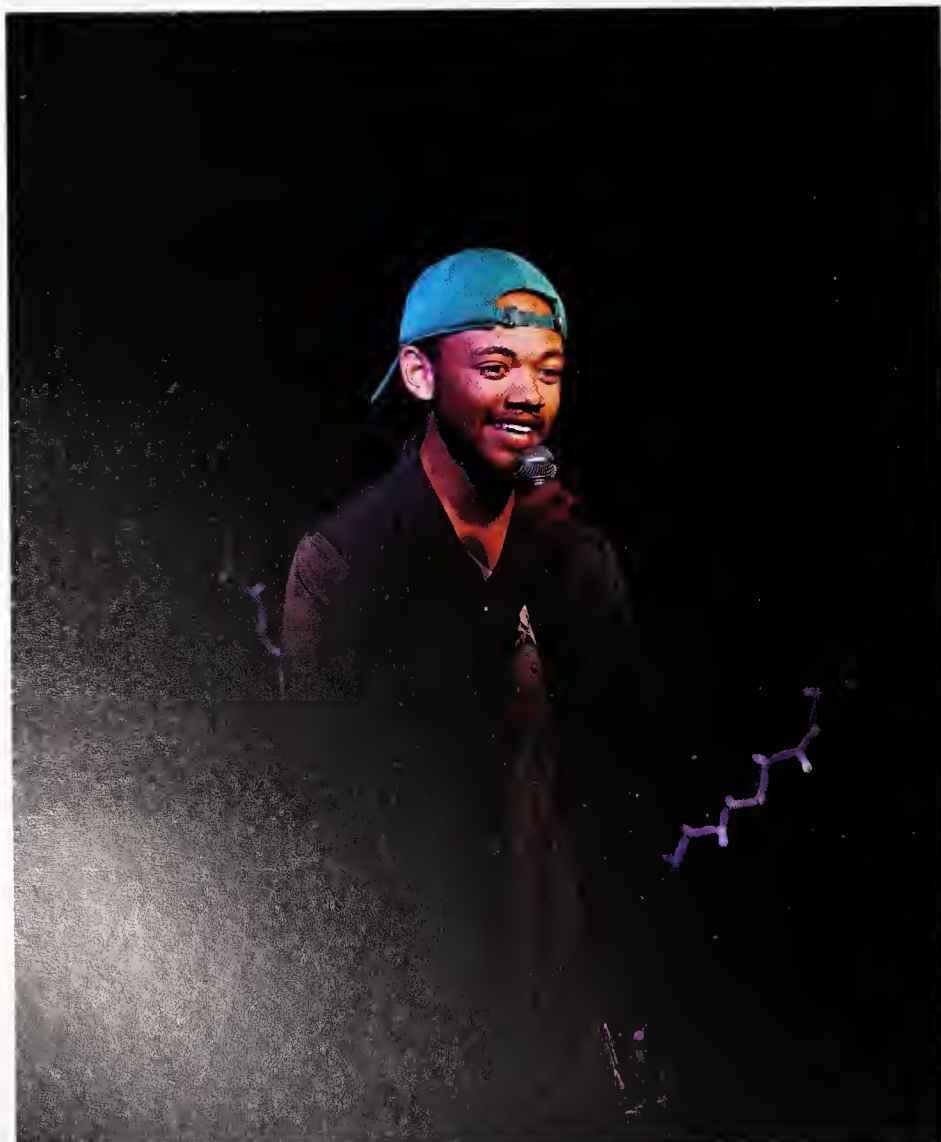
How have you left your mark on Elon?

I think I have left my mark by being a consistent player who always fights hard on the course.

for the record

THE GRAND FINALE FOR SENIOR ARTISTS

CAPTIONS: 1) Chase Obrecht, Taylor Pace, Erika Swinney, Natalie Sulzinger, Meaghan McCann and Andres Garreaud, members of executive staff pose in front of the music department in Arts West. (Photos courtesy of Taylor Pace). 2) KOMODO, half of the senior hip-hop duo, performs live at a local concert. 3) Brett Cashmer, lead singer of The Tripps, sings songs from the set list the band describes as "If you listened to it in middle school, we play it". 4) Casper, the second half of the hip-hop duo, performs alongside KOMODO. The two were one of many senior artists.



The Man Behind The Music: Taylor Pace



With the help of my best friends, we have brought Limelight to Elon's front stage. Limelight is not only a place to get real music industry experience but also a place for people of all genres and skill sets to unite under the shared love of music.

It has been the single most valuable experience of my college career. I will miss it dearly, but I am confident that Limelight is in good hands for the future.



If you went to a concert at Tap House or saw a band perform at The Oak House, you probably saw an artist managed by Limelight. Limelight is the student run record label founded in 2012.

Taylor Pace, Limelight's president this for the past year, worked to make Limelight a recognizable name on campus through events at Tap House, Fat Frogg and The Oak House.

This year, they managed, promoted, recorded and produced for eight artists including The Tripps and Casper x KOMODO. The eight artists varied from hip-hop to folk and range from first-years to seniors.

Through the collective efforts of the entire executive staff, Limelight has become a well-known name on campus that is sure to leave a mark on the music industry for years to come.

LAUREL WIND



student government association

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Junior Emily Cline first joined Student Government Association (SGA) at the beginning of her first year to get involved and meet new people. Three years later, she is now the club sports senator for SGA and loves her active role on campus improving the relationship between club sports teams and student government.

"SGA is a student-led organization that listens to the thoughts, concerns, and opinions of students. We work to improve Elon's campus to make it an incredible atmosphere to learn and grow both as a community and individually," Cline said.

SGA is responsible for events like the fall concert, Homecoming and Elon Ball, a new event to encourage campus unity. More than 1,200 students attended the second annual Elon Ball on February 9, enjoying food, live music and a photo booth.

"Despite their background, grade, gender, or organization, all students have had the opportunity through the Ball to come together and celebrate being Elon students," Cline said.

During the 2017-18 academic year, the executive staff of SGA included Morgan Bodenaarain as president, Spencer Wagner as vice president, Rachel Hobbs as secretary, and Joseph Arthur as treasurer. Each class also has a board of representatives on at-large council and various students represent other areas of campus on the academic and organization councils.

Students can get involved in SGA by participating in the annual spring elections.

SARAH STONE



CAPTIONS: 1) Members of the Student Government Association gather at a fall retreat in September. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Senior members of SGA celebrate their previous time and dedication to the organization with a final cord ceremony. 3) Members of SGA enjoy the festivities at the second annual Elon Ball.



CAPTIONS: 1) Members of the Service Learning Community gather for a photo shortly before Winter Break in front of their beloved Virginia Hall. (All photos courtesy of Anne-Tillery Melson). 2) Liza Margules and Ellie Moskowitz enjoy their time organizing food at the Allied Churches donation site in Burlington. 3) At the Stop Hunger Now event in September, Emily Klevan and Srija Dutta help weigh rice before placing it in bins to send to families in need abroad. 4) Some members of the Service Learning Community travel to Greensboro to visit the International Civil Rights Center & Museum



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM





Sold on service

MANY HANDS WORKING FOR A COMMON PURPOSE

This year, the oldest Living Learning Community mixed old and new activities for its residents. Kicking off the year with countless service opportunities, members of the Service Learning Community (SLC) lent their helping hands to local sites such as Allied Churches, Kopper Top and the Furniture Ministry.

The first-year residents, their sophomore mentors, and many other dedicated members of the community participated in the well-attended Stop Hunger Now event on September 9. Volunteers helped sort, package, and weigh food that was sent abroad to families in need.

Putting thought into their volunteer work was as very important to members of the SLC. Each day of service was followed by thoughtful reflection in which students engaged in discussion about food and education disparities, as well as other relevant issues that many face today in our world.

Members of the SLC even took a field trip to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro to learn more about the history of some of these issues in our country and the surrounding community.

In October, students enjoyed a weekend retreat at Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center where they engaged in conversations about privilege and practiced their teamwork skills.

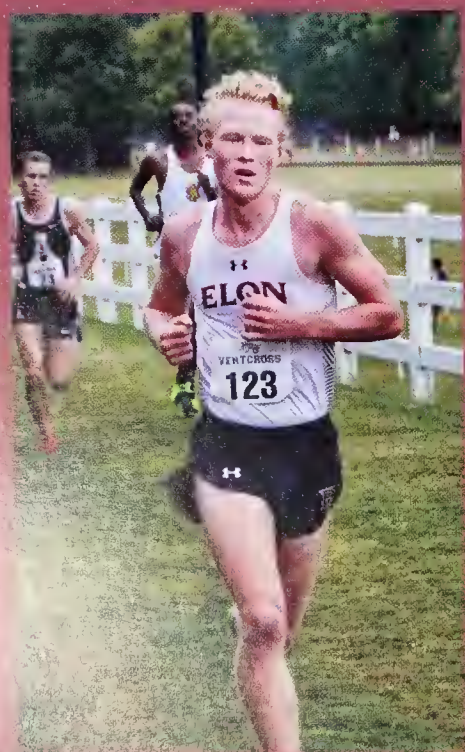
The bonding that took place in these first two months of the semester set the stage for an exciting year full of service. After all, the best work comes from multiple hands working together with a shared purpose.

ANNE-TILLERY MELSON

CAPTIONS: 1) Sophomore Emily Smith runs a 6K at the 2017 CAA Cross Country Championships. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Junior Nick Ciolkowski competes at the CAA Championships. Ciolkowski earned All-CAA honors for the third time. 3) The women's cross country team huddles to get ready for the High Point Vertcross Invitational in October.



JUSTIN LEOPOLD



Was there ever a moment when you considered giving up? Why didn't you?

Over the last 5 years of running, I suffered over 10 stress fractures in my feet, shins and femurs. These injuries made it frustrating to keep running because I hated to be sidelined from any sport let alone running. I didn't give up because I knew I had the team that was counting on me in numerous moments and I knew that if I was able to get through these tough times the victory would only be that much sweeter.

What do you do during training that helps you succeed?

I just try to have fun with it no matter the situation whether that's making a subtle joke in a hard workout or just bringing a positive vibe to practice day in and day out.

How have you left your mark?

Within the team and Elon, I have left a mark of spreading a positive presence/vibe, whether that's to your best friend or someone you just met. Also to focus on a "work-life balance" whether the work is in reference to school or training you always need to take a step back and live life and just have fun with it.

pass them, don't pace them



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

CAPTIONS: 1) Bryanna Hames gets ready for one of her throws. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Meagan Henderso and Desiree Ross compete in a relay event. 3) Corey Weiss competes in an indoor distance event. 4) Nicole Karaba prepares to pole vault.



fast tracks

TRACK AND FIELD





How long have you been doing track? Why did you start?

I got into track when I was 11 when I realized there were options other than cross country. It gave me a good opportunity to try my hand at a wide variety of events and my dad was keen on me keeping my athletic options open.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

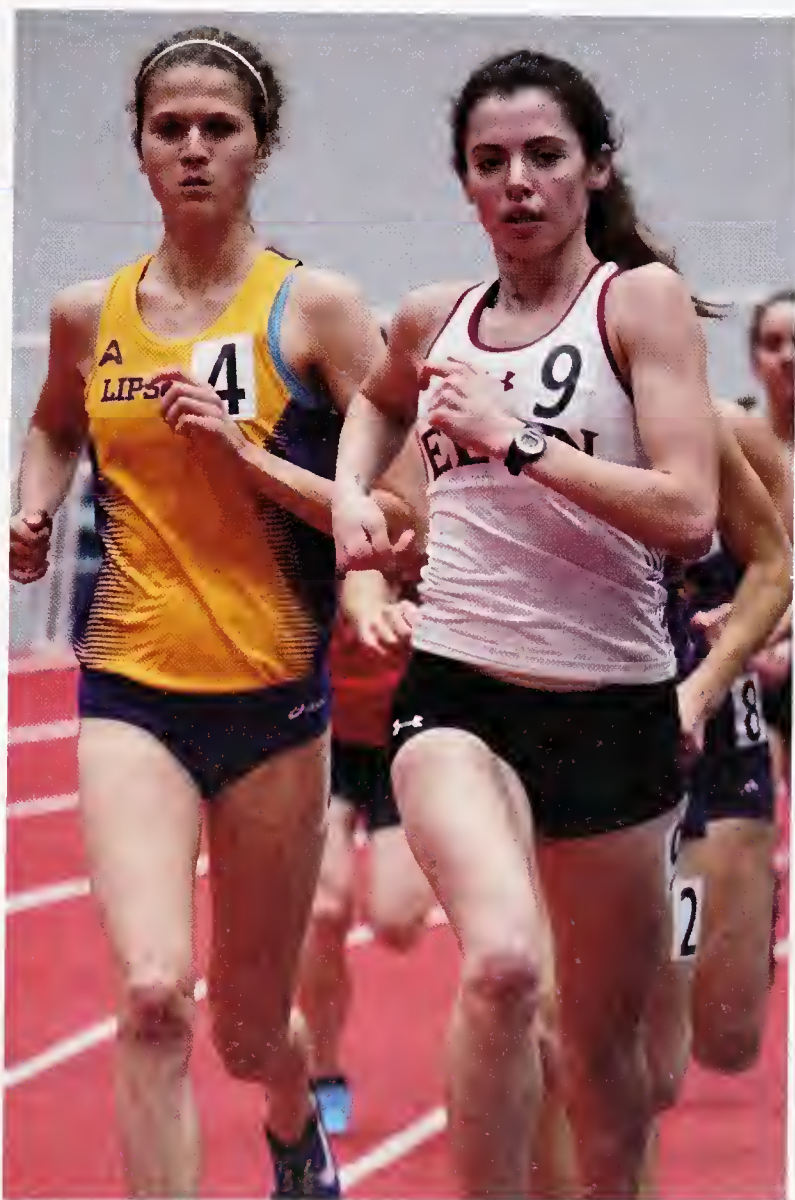
My parents always encouraged us to do as many athletic activities as possible, inspiring me to work hard to do either swimming or track in college. My dad ran track in college and did the decathlon so he was a good role model to look up to.

What has been the best moment of your Elon career?

Our conference meet sophomore year was by far the best moment. Being at home and winning for the second year in a row, winning the heptathlon title, breaking the school record and also getting bronze in the sprint hurdles were memorable moments.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I've left my mark by leaving with the heptathlon school record and winning a CAA Conference title, but I also hope I have done a good job as an upperclassman at helping to lead the team and look out for the younger girls.





rock on

CLIMBING CLUB

Many students come to Elon from the Northeast. For those that do, the trip down South comes with a change of scenery: a switch from busy cities like Boston to rural small-towns. That switch brings along with it the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

While many visit Hanging Rock and hike nearby mountains, some may not be aware of the opportunities to climb on campus when the weather is less than ideal. The Climbing Club aims to "provide students with the opportunity to rock climb at an indoor competitive level."

The club explores the art of indoor rock climbing and brings together students with a variety of interests. Members of the sophomore class, including Connor McCarthy, president, and Abigail Krump, treasurer, helped the club gain in popularity this year.

The climbing team scales walls and obstacles and has brought a new definition of climbing to campus. Although the club is relatively new, it is one of the most unique.

LAUREL WILSON

APTIONS: 1) Triston Barbour climbs the wall during practice. (All photos by Conner McCarthy). 2) Conner McCarthy has a go at the climbing wall. 3) Valerie Pacheco practices her climbing. 4) Abigail Krump and members of the climbing team pose together for a photograph.



seas the day

FALL ABROAD SEMESTER AT SEA



CAPTIONS: 1) Charlie Cheema surfs in Cape Town, South Africa, with Table Mountain in the background. (All photos by Charlie Cheema). 2) A few of the Semester at Sea students explore the markets of Old Kochi, India. 3) A view of Shanghai, China when the ship was docked. 4) Mikey Gibeley and Cheema watch the sun rise from the ship while in the Indian Ocean.

Thanks to a program called Semester at Sea, students had the opportunity to travel to various destinations around the world.

Students applied through Elon's Global Education Center, as well as the Semester at Sea, to get into the semester-long program. According to students, the ship was small, but nice and had nine decks and double and triple cabins. Some cabins had windows looking out toward the ocean.

While on Semester at Sea, students visited multiple countries around the world while living on a cruise ship and taking classes. They learned all about these countries both in the classroom

and through experiences on land. The classes that were taught on the ship added to credits for lab science, civilization and advanced studies. Everyone was required to take a course called "Global Studies," which provided an overview of the countries they visited.

There were 550 students on the ship, and around 100 faculty, staff and crew. The students got on the ship in Germany, and traveled to Spain, Ghana, South Africa, India, Myanmar, Vietnam, China, Japan and San Diego.

EMMA SALECKI



DECEMBER & JANUARY

Recognition of Jerusalem

The conflict between Arabs and Israelis grows as the U.S. recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital

The conflict between the Arabs of old Palestine and the Jews of Israel has yet to be resolved. For decades, the U.S. has acted as a mediator between these two warring factions, generating multiple peace talks ending with no major reformations of current affairs.

With the election of President Donald Trump, many changes have been made in the White House, including siding with Israel and recognizing Jerusalem as its capital. In December, Trump recognized the Holy City and planned to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Trump said of his decision, "We finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital. This is nothing more or less than a recognition of reality. It is also the right thing to do. It's something that has to be done."

The former Palestinians, searching for a compromise that might let them return to their homes, have since ceased negotiations. It comes at a time where many people are divided on the issue. While continuous aims for peace between the Arabs and Jews have turned up only disappointment, Trump's quick decision to choose Israel on behalf of the United States has some individuals worried about the aftermath of such a decision.

The past has not often favored peaceful resolutions and the U.S. is now no longer in communication with the Arab refugees or their representatives.



Banishment from Russia

Tensions on the rise with Russia as world power pushes to have American journalist banned from entering the country.

In December 2017, the Russian government pushed to pass a measure that would ban American journalists and news reporters from entering the country, particularly from viewing and covering information on the lower level of the Russian parliament, the Duma.

The decision to possibly push the U.S. out of Russia comes just days after the American Arm of Russian television network lost its Congressional press credentials.

This new ban against Americans in Russia has many individuals wondering what other restrictions will be implemented that will grow greater divides amongst the two world powers.

False (Missile) Alarm

Residents of Hawaii were falsely informed that they were in the path of an incoming ballistic missile on a sunny, January morning

On January 13, residents of the Hawaiian Islands woke up to what seemed to be a normal day, until they received a message that would send both panic and confusion across the state.

The message was simple and serious, stating that the islands were in the path of an incoming ballistic missile. Residents immediately took to social media to determine the truth.

A second message would come a half an hour later, explaining the error and informing individuals there was no immediate threat to their lives.

This comes shortly after rising tensions facing the United States from North Korea. The latter has continuously boasted about its nuclear weapons and its target readiness when it comes to other world powers being in reach.

Hawaiian officials had been working on refreshing the island states emergency plans in case a nuclear attack from North Korea was imminent.

Ultimately, residents were relieved that it was a mistake but now residents are on even higher alert than before.



A Soldier's Welcome

The Trump administration enforces a new policy that will see soldiers returning from war will get the proper medical care they need and deserve

When a soldier returns home from fighting overseas, he or she is often met with harsh criticism and realization upon coming home to the land of the free.

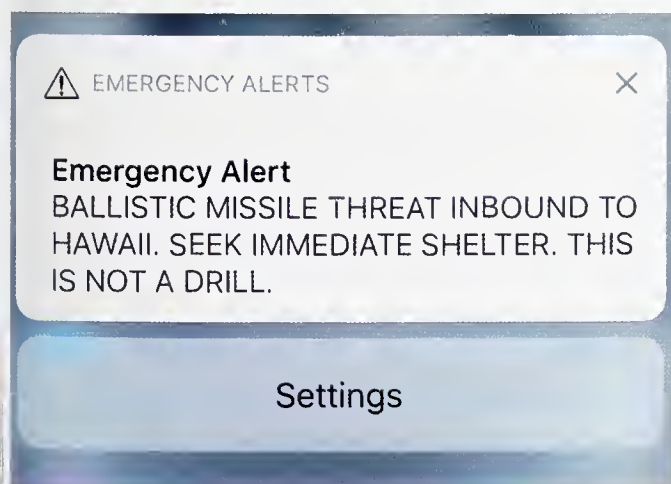
In the past, legislature designed to help returning men and women has fallen short of ideal expectations, especially in terms of those who come home suffering from mental health issues.

Veteran suicides are on the rise, which prompted President Trump, in early January to sign into effect an executive order that would direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to boost the availability of mental health services to transitioning veterans.

Trump said of the order that it includes, "Concrete actions we must take to ensure every single veteran who needs mental health and suicide prevention services will receive them immediately upon the separation from military service."

With statistics greatly at odds with returning veterans, 50% who return with a mental health issue will seek out treatment and only 25% of them will receive adequate treatment, the future seems more hopeful for more returning veterans and their families.

The services are also likely to be free of charge to prompt usage.







luminaries

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CAPTIONS: 1) Hannah Podhorzer lights a luminary prior to the Festival of Lights. The event, featuring 2,100 luminaries, was rescheduled due to inclement weather. (All photos by University Communications). 2) Students enjoy hot chocolate and cider while waiting for their beloved campus tradition. The Festival of Lights has been held for nearly 30 years and is cherished by many. 3) Thomas Coughlin, Kendall Brewer and other members of Twisted Measure perform holiday songs at the start of the festival. Smooth Progressions, Twisted Measure, Elon Gospel Choir and the Elon Trumpet Tri also performed at the event.





the end of an era

LONG LIVE THE LAMBERTS

After 19 years of service as president of Elon University, Leo Lambert began a yearlong sabbatical on March 1. During his tenure, he made the campus feel like home, got to know the student body on a personal level, and heightened the school's reputation.

During Lambert's presidency, he increased the size of the student body, helped to decrease the student-faculty ratio, increased scholarship funding, established the Center for Engaged Learning, built more than 100 buildings, awarded more than 23,600 diplomas, and much more.

He has been named one of the "most influential leaders" for six consecutive years by the Triad Business Journal. These achievements have left a powerful legacy that truly summarizes both Leo Lambert as an individual and as a president.

His hard work, honorable values and insightful leadership have placed Elon in a position where students come first and are ensured a quality education. His time here has created a university where the students want to learn more, build meaningful relationships, and experience life. Lambert's effort to personalize Elon's education has left a student body that feels more connected to him and Elon.

LANE PRITCHARD



“I believe we have to create
a nationally *distinctive* university
renowned for experiential and *engaged* learning,
with a premium on the *quality* of human
relationships.” -Leo Lambert

living by the rim

LAST SEASON IN ALUMNI GYM

CAPTIONS: 1) Steven Santa Ana goes up for a basket in a game against Drexel. The Phoenix won 90-75.

(Photos by Serena Archer).

2) Sheldon Eberhardt waits for the play to begin.





Record: 14-18

Under the continued direction of head coach Matt Matheny, the Phoenix headed into a unique season full of finalities. While it marked the end of college basketball careers for the five graduating seniors, it also marked the final season played in the infamous — but dated — Alumni Gym.

The team played its last game in front of a nearly sold-out crowd of 1,591 against James Madison on February 26. Senior Brian Dawkins racked up nearly one-third of the team's final score with 25 points to end not only his career in Alumni Gym, but also the team's.

While the Phoenix came up short toward the end of the 2017-18 season, the program looks forward to turning the page and entering a new era of basketball in the Schar Center.

LAUREL WIND

COLIN LUTHER



What do you do during training that helps you succeed?

I believe that every player and coach has a strong understanding of what it means to truly work hard and fully commit to the success of the program.

What is your biggest basketball-related challenge?

The move to the CAA my freshman year was the biggest challenge. No one besides the people in our locker room believed in us and that was something that we talked about every day and what ultimately drives us to work.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

From my eldest sister, Jodie. She showed me that it was possible to succeed in the classroom and on the court by graduating near the top of her class and by becoming an All-American basketball player.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I tried to leave my mark on Elon by positively engaging with everyone I had an interaction with on campus. With basketball I tried to do this every day by being selfless and the best possible teammate I could be.



Record: 25-8

After a 27-7 record in 2017 ending in an appearance in March Madness, the new team with six first-year players had a legacy to continue.

The final season in Alumni Gym started out with a series of wins and losses, but a winning streak began on January 28 when the Phoenix defeated Towson 71-45. This victory kickstarted a 12-game winning streak, propelling the squad through the CAA championship.

The Phoenix made it to March Madness for the second year in a row. Elon faced North Carolina State University on March 16, but came up short 62-35. With this season in the books, the team prepares to move into the new Schar Center in fall 2018.

LAUREL WIND



CARTON
1) Ariel Colon, Anna Popovic and Jaylin Powell cheer on the team from the sideline. (All photos by Karera Archer). 2) Anna Popovic dribbles while being defended by a Towson guard. 3) Ra'Shika White reaches for the ball under the hoop. 4) Powell attempts to make a shot.



What position do you play?

Point forward/guard.

If you could meet any professional athlete, who would it be and why?

I would want to meet LeBron James because he has this fearless mentality and a winner's mindset.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

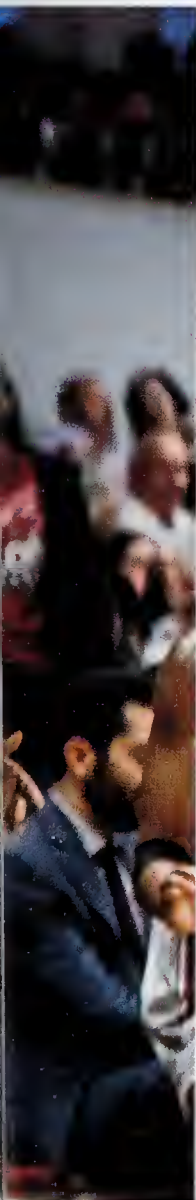
I draw my inspiration from my family. They are always supportive of me and they would never steer me in the wrong direction.

What was the best advice you were ever given?

Treat people the way you want to be treated and that "hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

How have you left your mark on Elon?

Being a part of a team that has had tremendous success and a lot of firsts. I also think that being a local product has exposed locals to the fact that they have a university right in their back yards that will continue to do great things on and off the court.



back-to-back

GOING DANCING AGAIN



'tis the season to be freezin'

STUDENTS TAKE A STUDY BREAK TO ENJOY THE SNOW

Amidst the overwhelming workload of Winter Term, students were able to take a study break and embrace some snowy weather.

On January 18, students, faculty members and community members were found wandering the beautiful snow-coated paths on campus.

To the approval of students, classes were canceled Thursday and delayed on Friday morning due to "dangerous travel conditions throughout the area," according to Vice President Jon Dooley, referring to the eight inches of snow we received. While much of the

Northeastern student body was used to cold weather, some still considered it a novelty.

Snow was an unfamiliar phenomenon for first-year Claire Cromley, a native of Houston, Texas; she claimed she "isn't used to seeing so much snow!" She went on to describe the campus as "beautiful and pristine."

A snow break was undeniably refreshing to all of the community. Though some may be far from home, students found comfort in this picturesque scene.

ALISON SIMMONS





CAPTIONS: 1) Students document the unusual snow in North Carolina. (Photo by University Communications). 2) Abby Fuller and Jean Ross enjoy each other's company on a stroll through the Historic Neighborhood. (Photo by University Communications). 3) Alamance looks breathtaking in the snow. Students got in the holiday spirit after the placement of wreaths around campus. There was no doubt Winter Term was the "most wonderful time of the year." (Photo by University Communications).



CAPTIONS: 4) First-years Alison Simmons, Claire Cromley and Caren Avelandanez dedicate their free time to playing in the snow in the Historic Neighborhood. (Photo courtesy of Alison Simmons). 5) Margaret Johnson and Jackson Doggett, first-years, playfully construct a snowman. With eight inches of snow on the ground, plenty of snow could be used to build a large snowman. (Photo by University Communications). 6) Max Struble, junior, is amused as he explores campus in the snow. Snow days are stress-relieving and increase the likelihood of laughs. (Photo by Max Struble).

CAPTIONS: 1) Students in the Ghana Winter Term study abroad trip learn traditional dances in Mognori Village. (Photo by Kate Pierson). 2) Professor John Pickett sports his maroon and gold while overlooking the Shire River at Myuu Camp in Malawi, Africa. (Photo by Kaitlin Brozek). 3) Senior Megan Graves sits with one of the local Sokode women in Ghana, Africa, and spends time more closely learning more about their respective food traditions. (Photo by Kate Pierson).



this time for africa

STUDENTS EXPLORE GHANA AND MALAWI

On January 3, 17 students embarked on the journey of a lifetime heading to Malawi, Africa, where they volunteered at the Namasimba Primary School in the city of Blantyre. What was scripted as a three-week-long literacy lesson for the Namasimba students would leave an equally large mark on the hearts and minds of the student teachers. "As we return home, we only hope that we can take to heart the lessons Malawi has taught us and be better Americans because of them," said Elena Lostoski.

The "Malawi: The Warm Heart of Africa" cohort was not the only group to branch into Africa for Winter Term. Another group visited Ghana in the Northern region of Africa. This course entered with a different intent: students hoped to experience life and cultural differences in Ghana. The notable experiences from the trip were not always planned as Kate Pierson recalled a time when the group's bus broke down and they had to exit at a nearby gas station.

"A pick-up soccer match brought a whole bunch of kids out and we all decided to play," Pierson said. "It's amazing how people from two sides of the world can be brought together by something as simple as a soccer ball. We found that kind of easy friendship everywhere we went throughout the country; we were always greeted with big smiles and sent off with huge hugs."

Eighty-three percent of students go abroad during their four years on campus. This population included general students, musical theater majors, athletes and others who had restrictions on their academic plan that prohibits them from going abroad for an entire semester. Winter Term enabled these students to leave their mark around the world.

KAITLIN BROZEK



baby! baby! baby!

WHAT COULD BE BETTER?

During Winter Term the Department of Performing Arts put on its annual winter musical. This year the department chose the musical written by Sybille Pearson titled "Baby!"

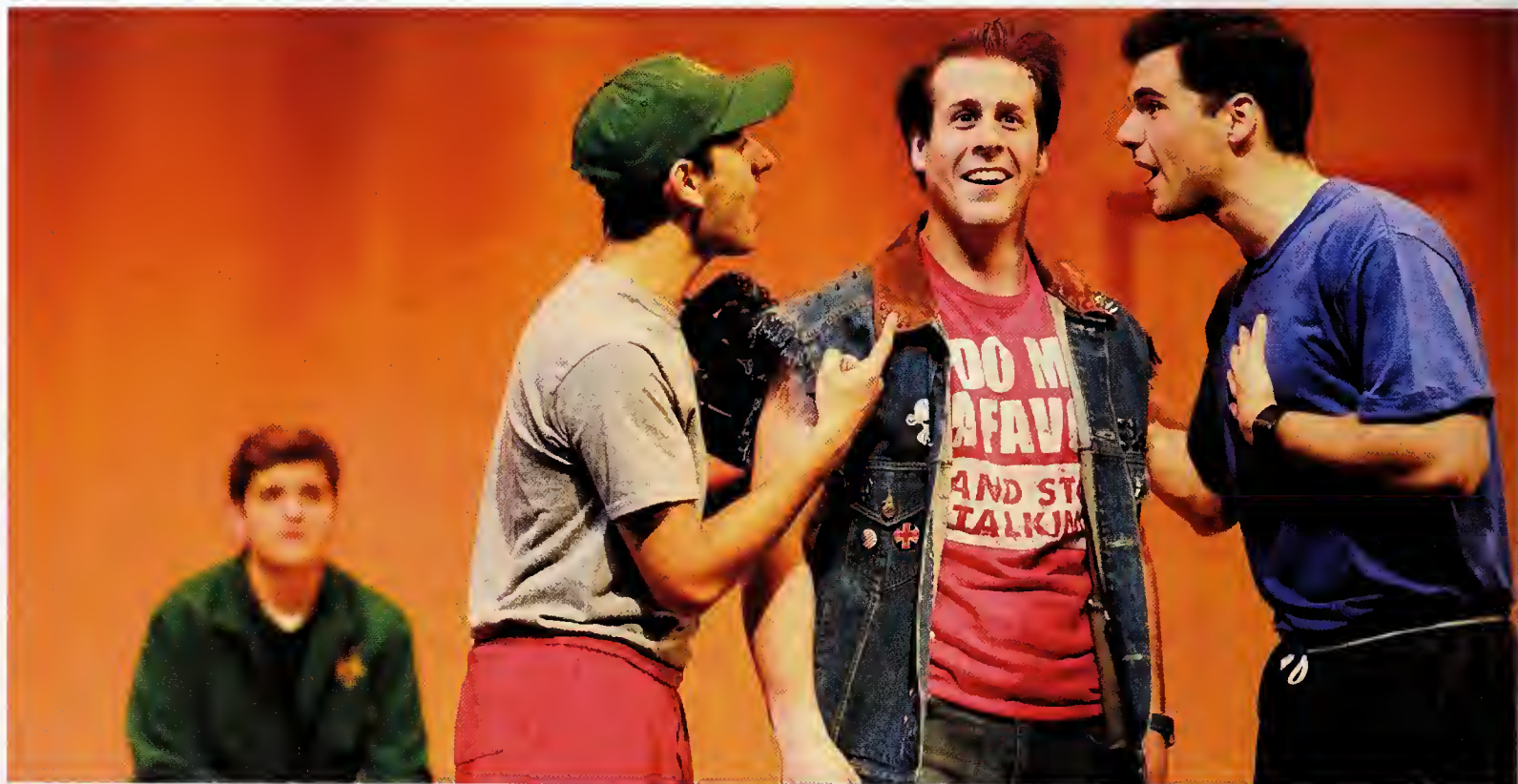
The musical was relatively contemporary and explored the lives of three couples of different age ranges and socio-economic classes who unexpectedly became pregnant.

The musical followed the trials and tribulations of the couples and how they dealt

with the unexpected new life rapidly coming into their lives. The much anticipated musical received rave reviews from students, faculty and parents alike.

One of the cast members in the performance, Kristen Burns, detailed her experience, how the production went, and her personal interest in theater life.

EMMA SALECK



CAPTION: Danny, junior Logan Foster, feels the joys of a being a potential father. (Photo by University Communications).

KRISTEN BURNS '20 ON "BABY!"

Q: Did you enjoy being part of the musical "Baby?" Did you feel like it was a success?

A: It was a wonderful first experience in a show at Elon. Linda, the wonderful director behind this show inspired me every day to find something new and exciting to discover on stage. Not to mention, the cast was truly full of good people. We had the same goal - to put on a show that moves people with some wit and humor along the way. I felt like it was a safe place to grow as an artist, and as a human.

Q: What inspired you to pursue a degree in musical theatre?

A: I saw "Violet" on Broadway when I was a sophomore in high school. I remember seeing Joshua Henry, my inspiration in this field, sing "Let It Sing." There were a few lyrics in the song that reminded me to never be afraid of doing what you love or what you know is your truth. From that song on, I decided I have to do this. It's worth it. All of the hours, self-reflection, friends - it makes it worth it. I'm the happiest I ever feel when I'm on stage or sharing a story with others.



CAPTION: Kristen Burns, who played Nurse Ginny in the show, applies lipstick in preparation to go on stage. (Photo courtesy of Kristen Burns).



CAPTION: Kristen Burns embraces co-star Cody Marshall, who played Doctor Levine, in the dressing room prior to the show. (Photo courtesy of Kristen Burns).

FEBRUARY & MARCH

Winter is Coming: The 2018 Winter Olympics

The 2018 Winter Olympics marked the start of, in many cases, record-breaking competition and a celebration of global unity



Every two years, the world participates in a celebration of unification and puts forth its best athletes to compete in a series of events dating back to ancient times.

The Winter Olympics, debuted on February 9, in PyeongChang, South Korea, and hosted more than 100 events in 15 sports. The bid to host the Olympics was lost to PyeongChang twice in 2010 and 2014, making this a win for South Korea and the world. A unified hockey team, consisting of both North and South Korean players was the first show of peace in years.

Great competitors thrived during the Olympics, including Mirai Nagasu of the United States, who landed the triple axel in her individual skating competition, and Red Gerard, the 17-year-old snowboarder who took home the first gold medal for the U.S.

Terror at Stoneman Douglas

It became known around the country and on the tongues of people everywhere as simply, "Parkland," but for such a horrific event as the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, the name doesn't give credit to the 17 individuals who lost their lives on February 14.

Police were called to the scene after 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz charged into the building with a semi-automatic rifle and multiple magazines for which he would use to terrorize his peers and teachers for the next six minutes.

During the shooting, teachers and staff attempted to

warn students by setting off the fire alarm, but this caused more confusion as students had a fire drill earlier in the day. For six minutes, terror and confusion ran the rampant in the halls of Stoneman Douglas, until Cruz left the scene on foot, walking free for an hour before finally being stopped by police.

Following the attack, multiple reformation tactics sprung up in the country. Survivors of the shooting founded the Never Again Movement which marched on Washington, demanding change. Since then, there continues to be a demand of change in the wake of multiple shootings around the country.



Students and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School made national headlines when they became the victims of one of the deadliest school shootings

March for Our Lives

In the light of the Parkland school shooting, survivors joined together to demand a change



The March For Our Lives meeting comes after a the deadly Parkland shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida.

Students joined forces with individuals seeking change in gun reform and looking to end violence in places of learning.

Some students such as Emma Gonzales have been gaining traction during this time. Gonzales, a survivor of the Parkland school shooting, has become an advocate for gun reform and was one of the key speakers at the March for our Lives Demonstration in March.

Standing in front of thousands of protestors, Gonzales and other student speakers made powerful statements about their classmates and teachers that left the audience speechless and often in tears.

"Fight for your lives, before it's someone else's job," Gonzales said.

The March For Our Lives demonstration, while empowering and unifying many will have no immediate effect as lawmakers are not set for re-election in the near future.

However, many remain hopeful that the continued attention given to survivors and demonstrators will be enough to cause serious change in terms of gun reform.

The evening was filled with enough moves, movies and movements that the whole world tuned in to watch the 90th Academy Awards on March 4. Actors sporting an array of vibrant outfits by world famous designers such as Dior, Chiaparelli and Louis Vuitton posed in front of paparazzi before heading into the main event.

Jimmy Kimmel started off by welcoming guests and participants and declaring, "This is a special year. This is a big one. These are the 90th Academy Awards. This is history happening right here. Our friend Oscar - Oscar is 90 years old tonight - after all the years, after all the awards given for achievements in show business, Oscar is still number one."

The audience was treated to a number of outstanding performances including "This is Me" from The Greatest Showman. Among this year's winners was actor Gary Oldman for his powerful performance as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour," a British war drama film directed by Joe Wright and written by Anthony McCarten.

The Award Goes To ...

With Jimmy Kimmel hosting, Hollywood celebrates the 90th annual Academy Awards ceremony





a new chapter

FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT ELECTED

Constance "Connie" Ledoux Book was elected the university's ninth president in October by the Board of Trustees. Book began her term as the university's first female president on March 1.

Prior to serving as provost at The Citadel, Book was part of the Elon community for more than a decade. Book came to Elon in 1999 as an assistant professor of communications and was later named associate dean of the School of Communications.

To current professors and former students who worked with Book, the news brought back memories of her compassionate yet determined nature.

"She'll continue in the Leo Lambert mode: just charging us straight ahead, but she'll do it in her own way," Anthony Hatcher, associate professor of communications, said. "She'll be a copycat of Leo; dynamic as him but bring her own personality to bear on that."

"She's also generous and by generous I mean that she looks for the best qualities in people and knows how to bring them out," Hatcher added.

MATT REICHENBACH



a trip to zambia

PERICLEAN SCHOLARS TRAVEL TO CHIPULUKUSU, NDOLA

The Periclean Scholars Program is, essentially, the centerpiece of Project Pericles. It is committed to raising the level of civic engagement and social responsibility of the community.

Students included in the program take many academic courses. These scholar classes are small with global-oriented projects specific to each class. First-year students have the opportunity to apply and be a part of this close family and it's something they can look forward to doing their entire time at Elon.

The program strives to empower students through civic engagement both locally and globally with emphasis on cohort-based learning and student leadership.

The Class of 2018 traveled to Chipulukusu, Zambia. Ten members traveled to the village outside of Ndola known as Chipulukusu as a part of their final project. They provided children and adults with workshops about financial literacy, goal planning and decision making.

The sessions went well as the groups were able to understand what they were taught and utilize them today or later on in life. People who had been taught the important information were able to teach and pass down their knowledge to others and even served as translators.

On the last day the scholars were in Zambia, they conducted a graduation ceremony for all the students who completed their sessions.

MYASIA RAGLAND



CAPTIONS: 1) Elliot Eisen, Becca Surprenant, Kate Pearce, Bethany Lake, William Wetter, Tate Replogle, Lindsey Clemmer, Abbie Williams and other members of the Periclean Scholars Class of 2018 gather together. (All photos by Stephen Braye). 2) Eisen teaches valuable information during one of the group's many sessions. 3) Lake provides leadership and life skill resources to young adults.



CAPTIONS: 1) Young Life members gathered together at Rockbridge for a silly photo in front of the mountains. Cami Rice and Hannah Hattori showed off the YL hand signal at the Rockbridge trip in September. (All photos courtesy of Claire Stanovich). 2) Young Life student leaders Blaine Williamson, Hannah Keith, Brock King, Claire Stanovich, Emily Wallace, Chris Sharp and Keller Biswurm let loose at the beach retreat. 3) Abby Fuller, Claire Stanovich, Emma Scott Singletary, Kate Wallace and Grace Jackson enjoy the annual "Stomp the Barn" event where members of the Young Life Christian Community gather from all over North Carolina. 4) Cami Rice and Hannah Hattori throw-up the YL hand signal at the Rockbridge trip in September.





young & havin' fun

STUDENTS GROW COMMUNITY OFF CAMPUS

Young Life has been an important Christian fellowship not only on campus, but also in the community for many years. Each year, the staff likes to encourage community bonding by planning off-campus events — such events give students an immediate sense of warmth and friendship in the first semester.

After doing some initial bonding during Welcome Week, Young Life members embarked on their first trip of the semester: beach retreat. Students enjoyed the relaxing setting by the sea, kicking back with their friends.

Following this event, many students traveled to Rockbridge Alum Springs

in Virginia, where they embraced the opportunity to interact with other Young Life members from the surrounding region. The next popular fall event was Stomp the Barn on October 25. At this fan-favorite event, students competed with other North Carolina college students in festive, fall-themed games.

Young Life started the fall semester off strong with these unique events that bolstered the community in just the first two months of school.

ANNE-TILLERY MELSON





CAPTIONS: 1) Olivia Walton, Mariel Loughlin, Blair Foust and Alex Fung dance during "Parabolic," choreographed by Renay Aumiller. (All photos by Jen Guy Metcalf). 2) Allison Ivan and Maxwell-Ignatius O'Connell perform "The Last to See Me," a duet choreographed by Jen Guy Metcalf. 3) Abby Corrigan, Taylor Htnatek and Shelby Durham dance in the opening piece, "Construct." 4) Izzy Ganovsky dances a solo during "perpetual stillness - to go, to function, to fit, to become."

The Echoes spring dance concert, directed by Lauren Kearns, showcased seven pieces by a variety of choreographers, including five professors.

The opening performance, "Construct," was choreographed by Summation Dance specifically for the dance majors.

Each performance featured a variety of students including dance and dance science majors, dance minors and non-majors.

Kearns described the process of directing the show by seeking "out choreography that is not only

innovative and conceptual, but work that challenges our student dancers technically and expressively."

Echoes, which ran for three nights, brought a wide range of audience members to McCrary Theatre. The final piece, "FALLOUT," choreographed by Chris Burnside, left the audience perplexed as a result of its stark contrast to the rest of the concert.

Kearns' interest in "creating a theatrical experience for the audience," was achieved from the first piece to the last.

LAUREL WIND



ECHOES SPRING DANCE CONCERT

five, six, seven, eight...

students seeking solutions

DESIGN THINKING STUDIO IN SOCIAL INNOVATION

In 2017, a group of 14 students embarked on the first Design Thinking Studio in Social Innovation, held in the newly renovated downtown center.

The studio ran its second pilot with eight students with a range of majors. The unique, immersive experience provides students with a non-traditional approach to education and provides 16 credits of classes, including core capstone and two advanced studies classes.

The cohort, known as the B•HIVE, focuses on human-centered, innovative, visionary and empathetic strategies. An essential part of the program is the design thinking process, consisting

of empathy, defining, ideating, prototyping and testing. They also learn about Scrum and social innovation while learning about Alamance County.

This year's cohort shadowed with members of the Wellness Collaborative, including Graham City Planning, Burlington YMCA, Cone Health, and Burlington Parks and Recreation.

Half of the students held workshops in the community emphasizing empathy, productivity and project management. The second half worked on creating and curating resources to host on a website to complement the workshops.

LAUREL WILSON





PHOTOGRAPHS: 1) Sabrina Tuton-Filson, Katherine Evans and Claire Stanovich work with one of the many scrum boards used throughout the semester. (All photos by Laurel Wind). 2) Laurel Wind, Mikey Gibeley, Charlie Cheema and Katherine Evans present their projects on SURF Day. 3) Claire Stanovich, Laurel Wind, Elena Hernandez, Sabrina Tuton-Filson, Katherine Evans, Leah Vail, Mikey Gibeley and Charlie Cheema advertise their spring showcase and the program at College Coffee. 4) Leah Vail, Claire Stanovich, Katherine Evans, Professor Rebecca Pope-Ruark, Charlie Cheema, Laurel Wind, Sabrina Tuton-Filson, Elena Hernandez instorm at The Blend.



CAPTIONS: 1) Rachel Brown, Shelby Hahner, Victoria Simpkins, Emma Burns, Isabella Santelia and Carly Zaccaria gather near a garden they planted that will produce locally grown food to a local school. (All photos courtesy of Consuelo Mendoza-Bruno). 2) Katie Park and Consuelo Mendoza-Bruno visit YS Falls. 3) Consuelo Mendoza-Bruno, Victoria Simpkins, Carly Zaccaria, Emma Burns, Isabella Santelia, Katie Park, Dierdre Shivak, Shelby Hahner, Rachel Brown, Brad Polen, Greg Holler, Chris Reignier and Grace Crowley pose with the teachers at Sandy Bank Infant School in Treasure Beach, Jamaica. 4) Consuelo Mendoza-Bruno, Carly Zaccaria, Emma Burns, Isabela Santelia, Katie Park, Dierdre Shivak, Shelby Hahner, Rachel Brown, Brad Polen, Greg Holler and Chris Reignier prepare to zipline at YS Falls.



Volunteering in Jamaica

AN ALTERNATIVE BREAK TRIP WORKS IN SCHOOLS

My alternative break experience to Jamaica is one of the most challenging yet immensely rewarding experiences of my college life. Being the co-coordinator of this program gave me the opportunity to not only grow as a leader, but to also grow closer to some of my fellow peers. Most importantly, this program taught me the importance of having a positive outlook on life.

Participants immersed themselves in the Jamaican culture and engaged with community members while learning about the challenges of education in the rural area. Throughout our time in Treasure Beach, Jamaica, it was evident that people within the community were friendly and supportive of one another.

We had two main service projects during the week. First, we served as volunteers at the local infant school, Sandy Bank Infant School. We worked individually with children who were struggling academically in the classroom and played with the children during recreation. Second, we started farming a small plot of land. The vegetables grown will be donated to the local community.

We also participated in several Jamaican activities, including a night of dance lessons, a trip to YS Falls, and an arts & crafts demonstration.

Throughout the week I saw the strength, determination and resilience of the group and it inspired me in ways I cannot ever put into words. The spirit of service is hardwired in each and every one of the individuals on this program and I hope that they can inspire others just like they inspired me. Over the years I have served alongside several different types of people but it is this group of people that helped me learn and grow more than ever before.

As we move forward we are going to have to work a lot harder and continue to challenge ourselves and the people in our communities. And that is why I believe service is so important. I hope more Elon students consider participating in an alternative break program, because there is so much we can learn from other communities as well as from one another as individuals.

CONSUELO MENDOZA-BRUNO



APRIL & MAY



What a Wonderful World

People across the planet celebrate Earth Day in the traditional fashion, without being aware of what's really going on behind the scenes

April 22 was the annual celebration of Earth Day, a single holiday set aside for the planet and for the betterment of nature. This year, as photos of nature filled the airwaves so to did recognition of a greater purpose behind the holiday.

The Earth Day Network deemed Earth Day as a day to end plastic pollution. Currently, the number of bottles and plastic products building up in landfills and, more dangerously, the ocean has led many environmentalists to seek out a change in the way humans inhabit the planet.

A recent study found that between five and twelve million tons of plastic make its way to the ocean each year. With that number constantly growing it is becoming more imperative to build awareness as to the dangers and strains this behavior put on the planet.

In celebration of a day that highlights Earth's beauty, it is also important to remember that the human handprint is just as much a destructor of beauty as it is an admirer.

Strikes Against Syria

Trump Administration makes a firm decision to strike the Syrian homeland before the opposite can occur

The world watched as The United, States, France and the United Kingdom joined forces in systematically carrying out a series of military strikes on government sites in Syria. The decision to carry out the attacks was in response to the Syrian government's involvement in the Dourma chemical attack earlier in the month.

It was believed that the Syrian army, specifically rebel forces located in Dourma, unleashed a chemical attack on civilians that led to the deaths of 70 innocent people. President Trump addressed the people as attacks in Damascus, the capital city of Syria, were still underway.

"One year ago, Assad launched a savage chemical weapons attack against his own innocent people. The United States responded with 58 missile strikes that destroyed 20 percent of the Syrian Air Force," Trump said. "The chemical weapons program was destroyed."





It was an exciting few weeks for Britain's royal family. Aside from the birth of Prince Louis Arthur Charles, the sixth heir to the throne, Prince Harry married American actress Meghan Markle on May 19.

There was great speculation and interest to Markle's new life as she applied for British citizenship and shopped for wedding dresses at the same time. While the royal family was mostly quiet as to the affairs of the wedding beforehand, the world was guessing what designer Markle would wear to her after party as well as how many horses would pull the royal carriage.

Before the wedding, Markle was under fire for a dress she wore to a prominent funeral but hopes were high that all the details leading up to the royal wedding would perfect – to say the least.

Even tabloids aired predictions in the weeks leading up to the wedding, but only one thing was for certain. An American was taking the British world by storm and we were all rooting for her.

The Royal Wedding

Following the birth of another royal to the Prince William and Duchess Kate Middleton, the United Kingdom prepares for a month of festivities in the wake of Prince Harry's marriage to Meghan Markle

Crowds were gathered at Churchill Downs on May 8 to watch the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby. The two-minute race features three-year-old thoroughbreds competing for the fastest time across a one-and-a-half-mile track. The best of the best were pitted against each other and cheered on from the sidelines.

Prior to the race, fans placed bets on the horses they expected to pull out the victory. The contenders included Magnum Moon, Justify, Firenze Fire and Free Drop Billy – some great names, obviously.

At 6:34 PM EST, the race hit live broadcast. An estimated 16 to 18 million people watched the race unfold live.

Ultimately, Justify pulled out the victory and was crowned with a bed of roses as photographers swarmed both the horse and its jockey, Mike Smith.

The winner of the Kentucky Derby becomes a candidate for something greater. A horse that can win the Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes goes down in history as a triple crown winner. The last such track legend was American Pharoah in 2015.

There are high hopes that Justify would come away with the same level of popularity as past winners. Each year, the race presents a chance for a horse to rise the ranks of history. Based on the race, and the following Justify has received, there's hope this year will be another great one.

The Run for the Roses

With jockey Mike Smith at the reins, Justify wins 144th running of the Kentucky Derby





Elonthon, a 24-hour dance marathon, made history this year, setting a new record for most participants and raising the largest sum of charitable funds in the event's history. All told, students raised a total of \$452,964.18. These funds were given to Duke Children's Hospital to help fund the treatments for current patients.

Every year, Elonthon hosts a variety of fun games and events that students and Duke patients, as well as their families, participate in. These activities included Zumba, silent disco, Fortnite, and basketball games.

What was the cost? Just a small donation to benefit the cause – and make a big difference.

KAITLIN BROZ

Dance your heart away

ELONTHON: 24-HOUR DANCE MARATHON



CAPTIONS: 1) Elonthon executive staff members dance along to the opening welcome dance as participants enter the gym for their designated shift. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Seniors Jackie Pascale and Emily Smart smile for the camera as they enjoy their respective shift at Elonthon as part of the yellow team. 3) 3) Elonthon executive staff holds up the cue cards that announce the total amount of money that was been raised during the event. 4) Paige Pietrofesa, Katherine Field, Abby Fuller, Claire Stanovich, Mariel Kondas and friends join the red team as dancers for the dance marathon.



hoping for a cure

RELAY FOR LIFE 2018

From 6 p.m. on Friday, April 20, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, more than 500 students and community members participated in the 2018 Relay for Life in Danieleley's PARC gym.

Relay for Life is an overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society in which teams walk or run the track for twelve hours. The main goal of the event is to celebrate the advances and achievements made in regards to cancer and to honor and remember the survivors and victims of the disease.

With a beachy theme of "Wave Goodbye to Cancer", the executive team was ready to put on an amazing event for both students and the surrounding community.

Junior Karina Hernandez, who served as junior director of Colleges Against Cancer this year, said that her favorite part of the event was the luminaries ceremony, where participants honor those who have lost the battle to cancer. "During the ceremony we all light glow sticks to represent

those we Relay for. Everybody takes a lap around the track in silence, which is a very powerful moment. Each year I walk the silent lap with one of my best friends and it is a time for us to support each other as we honor those we have lost to this disease," said Hernandez.

In addition to walking laps and the luminaries ceremony, the relay features local food trucks, performances from student groups, and speeches from caretakers and survivors of cancer.

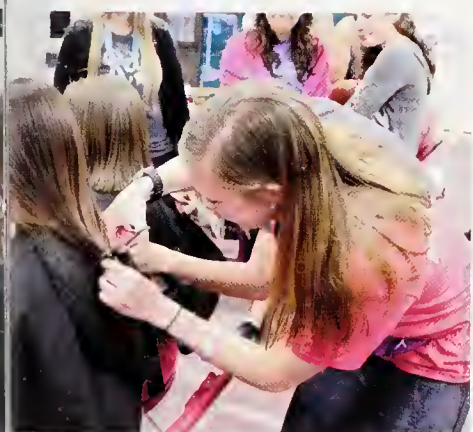
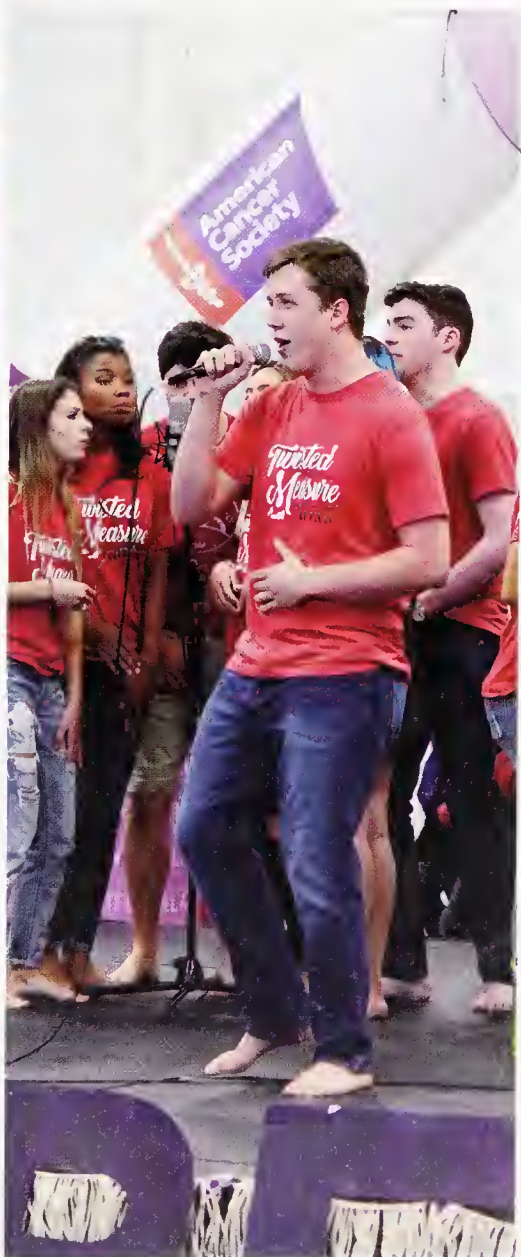
"Relay for Life is an important cause because everybody knows somebody who has been effected by cancer. Whether it be a parent, a grandparent, sibling, a cousin, an aunt or uncle, a neighbor or a community member- everybody has a connection to this disease," said Hernandez of the event's relevance.

In all, this year's Relay for Life raised more than \$75,000 for the American Cancer Society.

SARAH STON



CAPTIONS: 1) The executive team of Colleges Against Cancer proudly announces that the organization raised more than \$75,000 during the 2018 Relay for Life. (All photos courtesy of Relay for Life). 2) Brittany Spengler, Karina Hernandez, Danielle Dunleavy and Hannah Winchell get hyped up to start off an incredible night of fundraising. 3) Relay participants enjoy 3 a.m. Zumba to keep their spirits up during the 12-hour event. 4) Junior Lauren Schultz donates eight inches of her hair to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign. 5) Cancer survivor and Elon student Hannah Korycinski reflects as her mother reads one of her letters from her battle with cancer. 6) Twisted Measure gives a stellar performance to support the American Cancer Society.



band of brothers

A SNAPSHOT OF FRATERNITY LIFE





CAPTIONS: 1) Sigma Phi Epsilon president Nick Smith meets with Burlington mayor Ian Baltutis. (All photos courtesy of Instagram). 2) Jacob Sebiri and Joe Gonzalez, members of Zeta Beta Tau, helped raise money for Children's Miracle Network. 3) Beta Theta Pi brothers Tyler Wilson, Jimmy Reardon, and Ryan Petnuch support breast cancer awareness. 4) Delta Upsilon shows off their new pledge class. 5) Zeta Beta Tau brothers present their stud for Habitat for Humanity 6) Members of Pi Kapp's new brotherhood go bowling. 7) A Beta Theta Pi brother watches the sunset during a vacation in Hawaii.



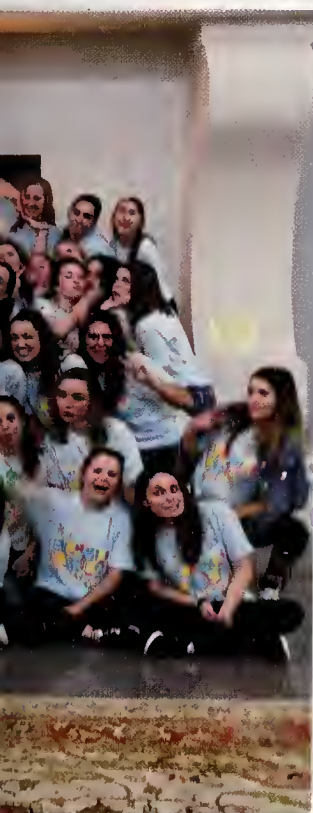
CAPTIONS: 1) Rory Coleman, Jessie LeLama, Leah McCormack, Caroline Free and Lauren Clarke pose together in an Alpha Chi Omega sisterhood photoshoot in the fall. (Photo by Jessie LeLama). 2) Kappa Delta's Anne Radcliffe and Rachel Wingrat hug it out. 3) Zeta Tau Alpha's Charlotte Mitchell, Mikki Warszawski and Samantha Penman have fun before Fall Formal. 4) Phi Mu's Hallie White, Sarah Cristal, Ellie Hough, Grace Shealy, Calleigh Rose and Chloe Schaefer prepare for Bid Day. (Photo courtesy of Facebook). 5) Sigma Kappa shows off its new pledge class. (Photo by Sophia Eng). 6) Alpha Xi Delta sisters hang out with Carol Lopes, Julia Gentile, Jordan Cohen and Giuliana Adams. (Photo by Giuliana Adams).





young, wild & greek

SISTERHOOD ON CAMPUS



we are family

NPHC CHAPTERS





CAPTIONS: 1) Members of the Omicron Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha have a photoshoot. (All photos courtesy of Instagram). 2) Members of NPHC volunteer with Rise Against Hunger in September. 3) Kennedy Ojimadu and David Morrow participate in "Black Innovation Matters." 4) NPHC executive members attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values conference in Indianapolis. 5) Alpha Phi Alpha wins runner-up chapter of the year. 6) Sean Webber, Alonzo Cee and other members of Alpha Phi Alpha wish their brothers Thanksgiving.





CAPTIONS: 1) Dave Coulier entertains the audience with his iconic impressions and hilarious jokes. (Photo courtesy of Facebook). 2) Hannah Benson ends her set after entertaining the audience with an unusual story about her trip to India by filming the introduction of Dave Coulier. (Photo courtesy of Student Union Board).

ent it out!

FULL HOUSE'S DAVE COULIER PERFORMS LIVE

This spring, students gathered in Alumni to enjoy a hilarious show by an entertainer many likely recognized from their childhood. Dave Coulier, most notably known as "Uncle Joey" from the hit TV show "Full House," and more recently, "Fuller House," performed at the Student Union Board's spring comedy show on April 11.

The night was a blast from the past as students were given popular treats from the 90's, like Baby Bottle Pops and Fruit Roll-Ups. Before the show began, students danced along to throwback hits including some iconic theme songs.

Junior Hannah Benson opened for Coulier with a series of jokes about college stereotypes, social media and an unfortunate situation visiting the Taj Mahal while abroad.

Coulier opened his set by announcing the fourth season of "Fuller House" and kept the crowd entertained with his spot-on impressions, engaging stories, and jokes sprinkled throughout the entire show that left many students in stitches. He even finished off by playing the harmonica and found himself laughing alongside the students.

From complaining about airports to recanting a miracle he witnessed in a restroom, Coulier provided plenty of laughs along the way. Those who didn't see this comedic act from a beloved childhood icon missed out on a great night with a familiar friend.

MYASIA RAGLAND

hang loose

SURF DAY

Students hosted and attended presentations for the university's annual SURF day, acknowledging the importance of student undergraduate research. This is the 25th year that Elon has celebrated SURF, giving students the opportunity to attend research presentations covering a range of academic disciplines.

Students, faculty and staff gathered in support as presenters showcased their in-depth research throughout the day. During SURF day, classes are suspended to allow students to attend the event and learn about their peers' academic efforts and pursuits.

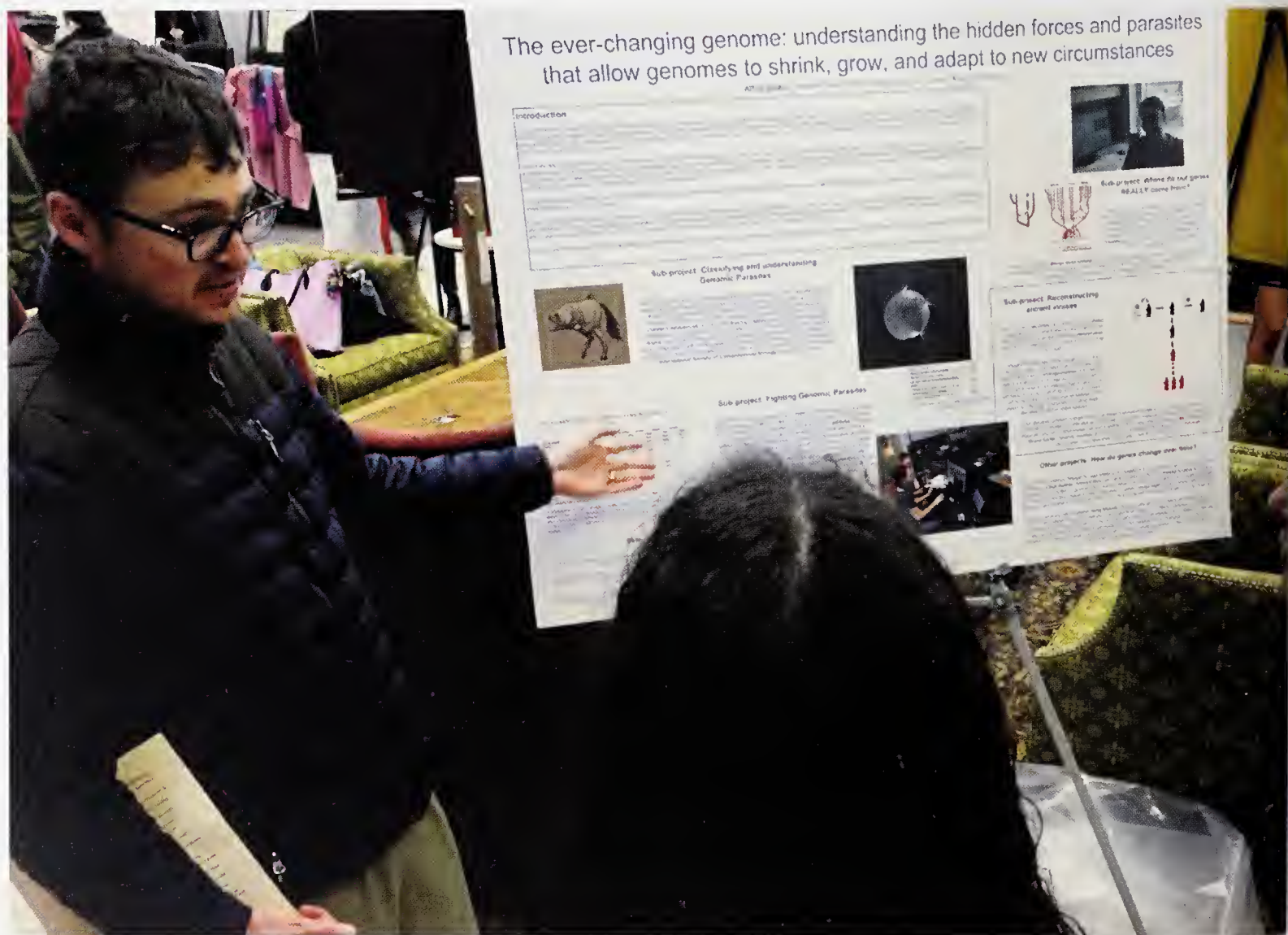
Through undergraduate research, students undertake investigations and tackle research questions to make creative and rewarding contributions to their fields of study. Throughout the semester, students work closely with their mentors to work on original content to create the

conception of their research inquiry. They then work on communicating their research findings to the public through poster or PowerPoint presentations.

As one of the Experiential Learning Requirements, undergraduate research is a valuable part of the academic experiences of students. This offers students the opportunity to engage with the student body and faculty, allowing them to delve deeper into their disciplines.

The SURF experience benefits students, giving them the chance to work closely with faculty mentors, develop their research skills and strengthen their presentations skills by communicating their research to a broad audience. The Elon community proudly supports undergraduate research and strives to provide a supportive environment that rewards creativity, tenacity and academic

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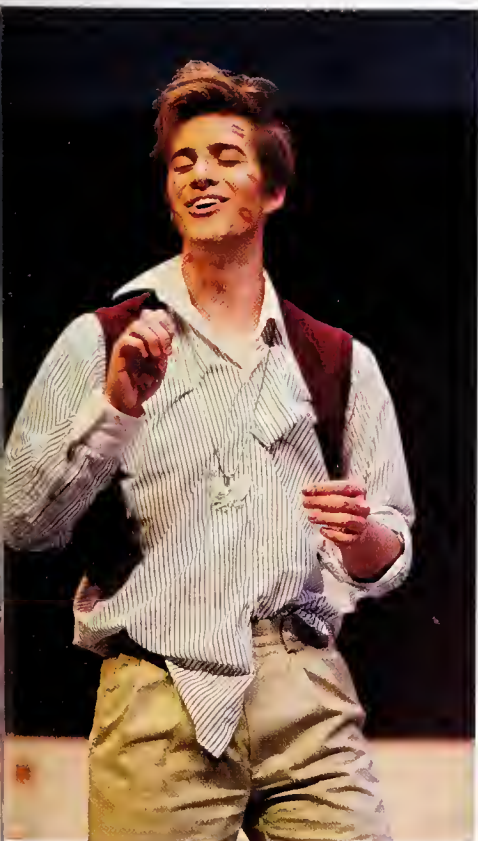


CAPTIONS: 1) Research mentor Alfred Simkin gives his poster presentation on changing genomes in the Great Hall of Global Commons. (All photos by University Communications). 2) Rachel Cole hosts her poster presentation titled "Evaluating and Improving First Year Awareness of, Attitudes towards, and Accessibility to the Elon Writing Center" in the Great Hall. She worked alongside Dr. Julia Bleakney during her research. 3) Brooke Hunziker gives a presentation titled "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind: The Effect of Child Body Weight on Academic Achievement" to a room of faculty and students in McKinnon Hall. She worked alongside Dr. Katy Rouse during her research.





CAPTIONS: 1) The angry Countess Olivia, played by Jacqueline Silva, chases Kenny, Jacobson and Palmer around with her weapon of choice: a fire extinguisher. (All photos by University Communications). 2) Viola (Samantha Potak) disguises herself as her brother. 3) Before being taken to prison, Antonio, played by Daniel Casker, is restrained by officers. 4) Malvolio, the entertaining character played by Cody Marshall, shows off his new look in efforts to impress Countess Olivia. 5) Kenan Roten, playing a role of Sebastian, reminisces about his wild meeting with Countess Olivia. 6) After executing a plan to deceive Malvolio, Maria (Loren Brunson), Fabian (Sean Kenny), Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Michael Jacobson) and Sir Toby Belch (Hayden Palmer) plan their next moves while standing among some nearby trees.



lost in illyria

A GROOVY TWIST ON SHAKESPEARE

The Department of Performing Arts performed Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" for the spring play in April. Director Fredrick J. Rubeck made the unique decision to set the classic comedy in the 1970's.

Junior Samantha Potak starred as Viola, who disguises herself as a man and serves as a wingman of Duke Orsino, played by Tyler Dema, for Countess Olivia, played by Jacqueline Silva.

The entire cast and crew took the audience back in time,

although not as far back as you would expect from a Shakespeare play ... only to the groovy 1970's. With dazzling costumes and a simple and unique set, "Twelfth Night" wowed everyone fortunate enough to see it.

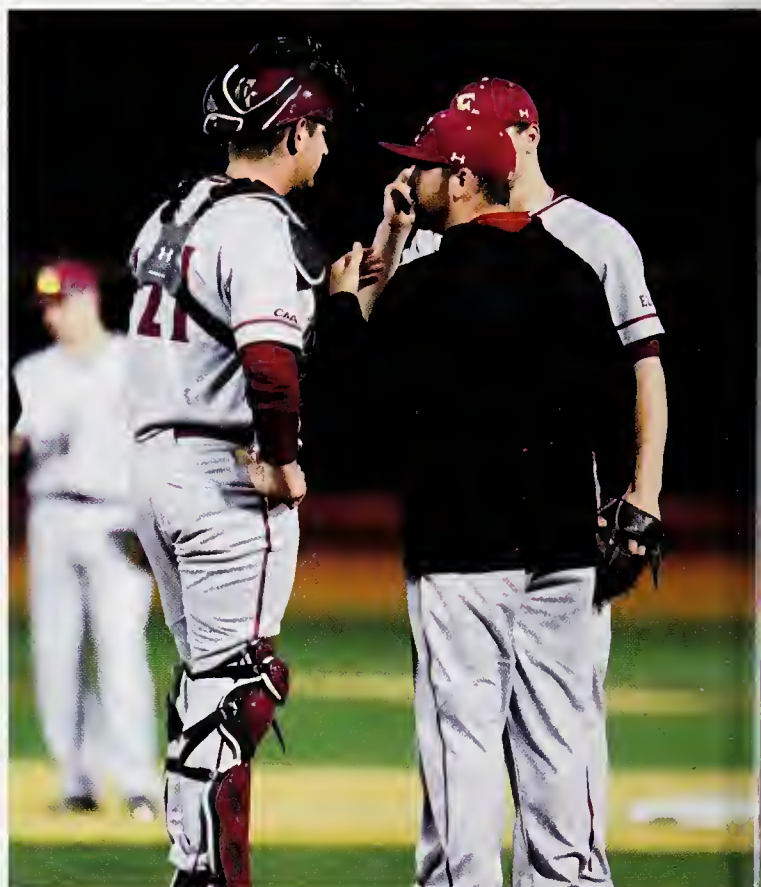
The show provided laughs while covering timeless topics, such as unrequited love and gender identity. It was a silly, yet romantic comedy that was certainly a production to remember.

ANNE-TILLERY MELSON

Record: 36-23

(Overall Game Record Against Each Team)

Penn State	L 0-3
Radford	W 1-0
Kansas State	L 0-1
Marshall	L 1-2
Liberty	W 1-0
Georgia Southern	W 2-1
UNCG	T 1-1
App. State	W 3-0
East Carolina	L 0-2
Rider	W 3-0
Maryland	L 0-1
James Madison	W 2-1
Wake Forest	T 1-1
C. of Charleston	W 2-1
High Point	T 1-1
Northeastern	L 0-3
C. of Charleston	L 1-2
Hofstra	W 3-0
Campbell	W 1-0
NC A&T	W 1-0
Hartford	W 3-0
UNCW	W 2-1
Delaware	L 2-1
Towson	W 3-0
William & Mary	W 3-0
CAA Tournament	Score
C. of Charleston	W 3-2
UNCW	L 3-11
Northeastern	L 4-5



CAPTIONS: 1) Sophomore Garrett Stonehouse readies himself while at bat. The infielder was the CAA Player of the Week in March (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Sophomore Owen Lorenz winds up to make a pitch. 3) Liam O'Regan tracks down a ball in the outfield. 4) Senior catcher Hayden Platt participates in a conversation on the mound with a coach and teammate.

baseballin'

VARSITY BASEBALL



SEAN BYRNES



How long have you been playing baseball? Why did you start?

I started playing baseball when I was 5. It started at the T-ball level and I just fell in love with the game.

What is your biggest baseball-related challenge?

One of my biggest challenges was being a consistent player over such a long season.

What baseball player do you most admire?

My favorite baseball player is Max Schrezer because he pitches with such intensity and he carries himself in a way that intimidates anyone he faces.

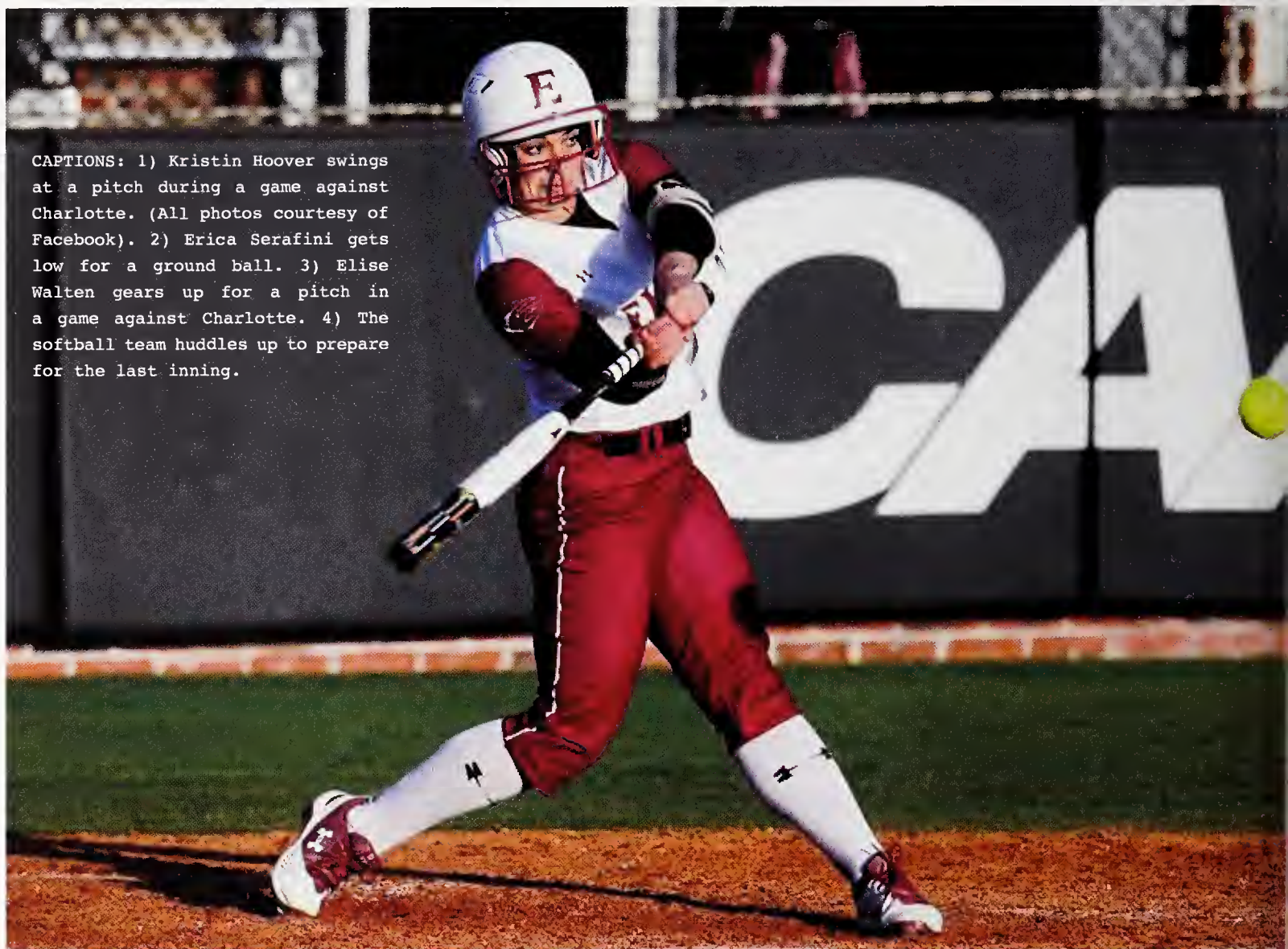
Where do you draw your inspiration from?

I draw my inspiration from my parents because they have been with me ever since I started playing baseball. They have always pushed me so I go out there and try to make them as proud as possible.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I have built relationships that will last long after graduation. I have also mentored the younger guys in what it means to play baseball at Elon.

CAPTIONS: 1) Kristin Hoover swings at a pitch during a game against Charlotte. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Erica Serafini gets low for a ground ball. 3) Elise Walten gears up for a pitch in a game against Charlotte. 4) The softball team huddles up to prepare for the last inning.



HANNAH OLSEN



How long have you been playing softball? Why did you start?

I have been playing since I was 10 years old. I grew up playing baseball and made the transition to softball after moving to an area where softball was popular.

What do you do during training that helps you succeed?

Taking time for myself outside of softball is something that is important during training.

What is the best memory from your Elon career?

My best memory while playing at Elon is beating UNC twice during my senior season.

What is your biggest softball-related challenge?

My biggest challenge is the never ending cycle of perfecting my craft.

Which softball player do you most admire?

The softball player I admire the most is Sierra Romero.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

I believe that I have left my mark on Elon by being a positive leader and role model to my teammates both on and off the field.

straight pitchin'

UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL



Record: 24-28

Conference	7-14
Home	16-11
Away	5-12
Neutral	3-4

Elon Tournament

Bowling Green	W 4-3
Rhode Island	W 6-2
Bowling Green	L 3-6
North Texas	W 6-1
Mount St. Mary's	W 8-0

Carolina Classic

Kansas	L 1-2
Harvard	W 5-1
North Carolina	W 7-3
Kansas	L 1-6

USF Tournament

Lehigh	L 1-3
South Florida	L 0-8
LIU Brooklyn	L 4-5
Chattanooga	W 4-3
Princeton	W 15-1



re-lax and enjoy the game

VARSITY LACROSSE

CAPTIONS: Stephanie Asher served as an excellent example and positive force for this year's lacrosse team. Asher scored four goals in one game and her dedication clearly shows in this facial expression. (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) Alexis Zadjura defends a Stanford player during a hard-fought contest against the Pac 12 team. 3) A reason to smile: this team had a season full of great memories. 4) Members of the women's lacrosse team embrace following a goal.





ALEXIS ZADJURA

How long have you been playing lacrosse? Why did you start?

I started playing seriously when I was in middle school. I tried other sports like softball first, but I was drawn to the fast-paced play of lacrosse.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

I have always had a competitive nature, and the opportunity to play a Division 1 sport in college is something I will never take for granted. Realizing how lucky I am to be apart of this program inspires me both on and off the field.

What is the best moment of your Elon career?

My sophomore year, our third year as a program, we beat Duke with just a few seconds left in the game. I will never forget the feeling of winning that game.

How have you left your mark on Elon?

Just being apart of this team in it's first couple years as a program has been an amazing experience. We have accomplished so much in such short time, and it's awesome to think about the future of this team.





CAPTIONS: 1) Juniors Laurel Wind and Jenna Barone happily smile as they enjoy the festival. This was their first year attending Holi. (Photo by Laurel Wind). 2) Students Laine Nabors, Madison Foster and Alison Filbey enjoy the Holi spirit. (Photo by Kaitlin Brozek). 3) First-years Rachel Cifarelli and Lindsay Silverman embrace their colorful auras. (Photo by Annie Earnshaw). 4) Emily McGranahan, Rachel Cifarelli, Annie Earnshaw, Victoria Simpkins, Mackenzie Green, Ciara Graves, Lindsay Silverman and Maggie Barnhardt (sisters of Alpha Chi Omega) show their pride as they have a ball during Holi. (Photo by Lindsay Silverman).



happy holi days

HOLI: FESTIVAL OF COLORS

The Festival of Color reached across the spectrum as colors soared and the crowd roared. Purples, oranges, yellows and every color of the rainbow were seen as students participated in the fun.

Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, represents new beginnings as spring says hello and winter says goodbye. It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil", and is celebrated all over the world. Holi was celebrated across the globe March 1-2.

However, the Elon community waits for warmer weather to give the festival the colorful welcome it deserves. The sunny April day brought blue skies and wide smiles as the festival

counted down. Students raced to grab their colors and couldn't wait to join in on the fun.

"It is such an interesting cultural experience," first-year Lindsay Silverman said. "I loved participating in it because I got to see all different types of people join together to celebrate the beginnings of spring in such a beautiful place."

Sophomore Ciara Graves added that she "celebrates Holi because [she] never has before, and to [her] it's a celebration of spring and spending time with close friends." Holi holds a special place in many students' hearts, and they eagerly wait until they can celebrate it again.

LINDSAY SILVERMAN





BRIAN SPUTH - DUBLIN, IRELAND

Getting out of his comfort zone has always been something with which junior Brian Sputh wanted challenge himself during his time abroad. Luck was definitely on his side when he chose Dublin, Ireland, as his foreign home for the spring semester.

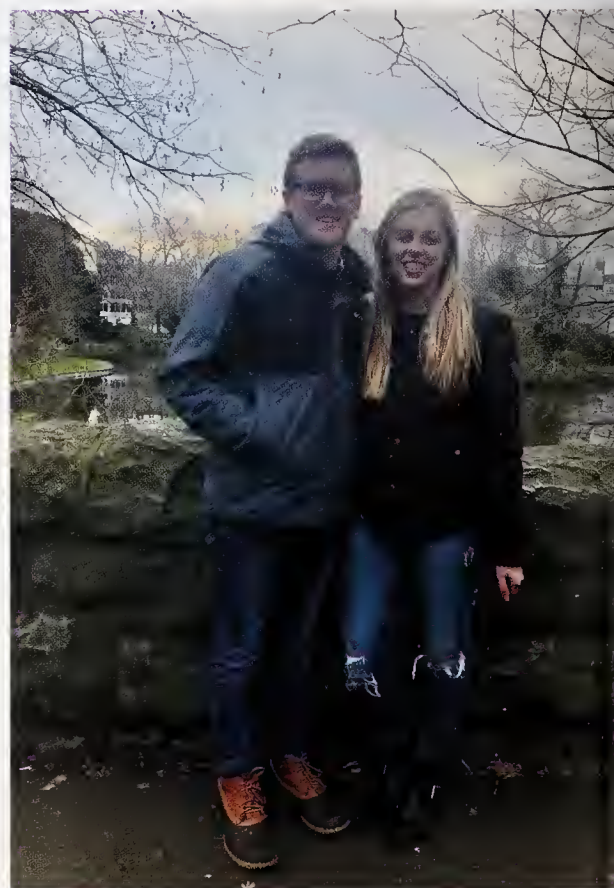
"Studying abroad in Ireland has allowed me to explore a country only few people go to when traveling

in Europe. From the scenic greenery to the historic castles, Ireland has become my home," said Sputh of his semester.

Making memories and gaining irreplaceable academic experiences has made Brian realize that studying abroad is the perfect way to expand his global knowledge.

SARAH STONE

CAPTIONS: 1) Jack Doherty and Brian Sputh stop to admire some incredible views of Scotland while they enjoy a tour of Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. (Photo by Brian Sputh). 2) Juniors Brian Sputh and Sarah Lord take in the beauty of St. Stephen's Green during their first day in Dublin. (Photo by Brian Sputh). 3) Donahue enjoys an excursion to Stonehenge in Salisbury, United Kingdom. (Photo by Kylie Donahue). 4) Junior Kylie Donahue cheers on her home team, the Patriots, even while 3,000 miles away on the Brighton Pier. (Photo by Kylie Donahue).



LYLIE DONAHUE - BRIGHTON, UK

Walking along the pebble beach and pier just outside her apartment is one of junior Lylie Donahue's favorite parts of studying abroad in Brighton, United Kingdom.

In addition to exploring the British countryside, Donahue was able to travel to other countries while in Europe for the semester like Spain and France. Of her host city, Donahue said, "Brighton itself is a very quirky, small seaside city with a lot of charm you won't find anywhere else in the UK."

Expanding her world view by making friends was also a goal Donahue successfully accomplished.

"I was lucky enough to feel comfortable and at home almost immediately, while also making friends from around the States and the world. I truly found my happy place," she said.

SARAH STONE



isles of learning

SPRING STUDY ABROAD IN ENGLAND AND IRELAND

preparing for PATIENTS

TALES FROM CLINICAL YEAR

"A lot has happened this year. We bid a fond farewell to the Class of 2018, who graduated in February, and we've met the incoming Class of 2020. It's sad to see one class leave, but exciting to see a new one arrive!

My first rotation was primary care. My first weekend, I worked with my preceptor at the walk-in clinic for a few hours, where I got my first chance to do a solo patient visit – I could almost hear Ms. Skillman's voice in my head: 'Take a deep breath, put on those beautiful smiles, knock and enter ...'

The training wheels came off for my second rotation, pediatrics. Within those initial eight hours, I saw everything from sore throats to well child visits and an evaluation for ADHD. Pediatric medicine has proven to have its own unique set of challenges – the adult patients I saw may have been squeamish about needles, but most of them didn't scream or cry when I tried to look in their ears.

The days can be long, and I miss being surrounded by my classmates, but the patients I see serve as daily reminders of why I wanted to go to PA school, and my preceptors give me a glimpse of what my future as a provider might look like. Instead of studying hypothetical cases on a PowerPoint slide, we have the opportunity to see living lessons on a daily basis, as well as observe the difference that method of care can make for a patient.

As long as it will take to really master all the clinical knowledge necessary to practice as a PA, I have a feeling it will take even longer to gain an understanding of how to build relationships with patients, and this understanding will not be gained by studying flashcards. This is a daunting realization, but also a reassuring one; we don't have to have it all figured out, even when we graduate. Our training is preparing us to be lifelong learners, and we've only just begun."

HILLARY MCDONALD





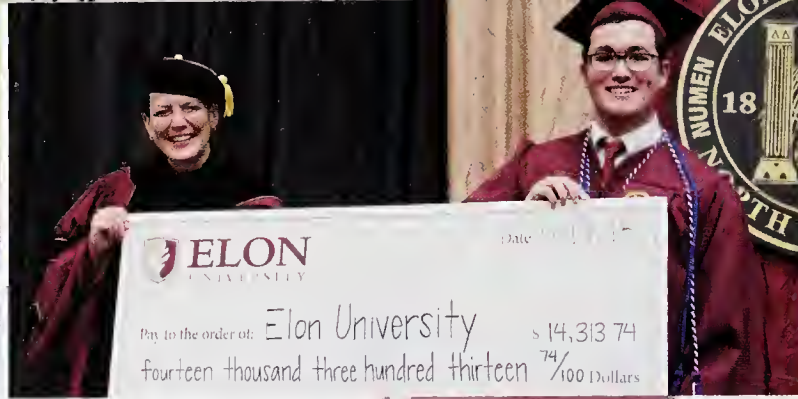
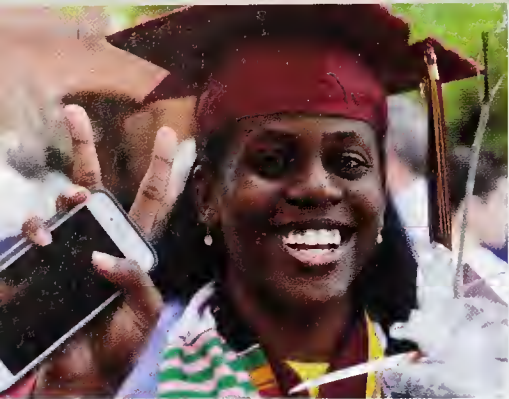
1) Graham Brown snaps a selfie as students enter Whitley Auditorium for their graduation. (All photos courtesy of Elon PA Program). 2) Dr. Cindy Bennett leads a demonstration for Masha Belaya and Ali Tabibnejad. 3) Elon PA students embrace after their graduation ceremony. 4) A recent graduate smiles on her way out the door of Whitley Auditorium after the graduation ceremony of Elon PA School.



A photograph of a graduation ceremony. In the foreground, several graduates in maroon gowns are seen from the back, with their arms raised and hands open, reaching towards the sky. Above them, several maroon graduation caps with tassels are captured in mid-air, having just been tossed. The background is a dense, out-of-focus green tree. The text "senior portraits" is written in a white, cursive script across the middle of the image, and "CLASS OF 2018" is written in a white, sans-serif font below it.

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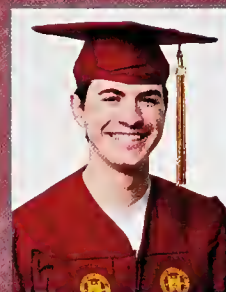
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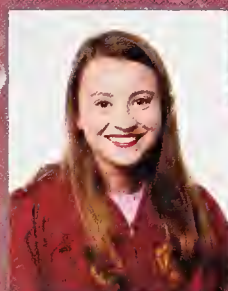
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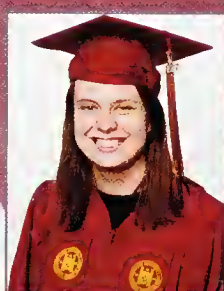
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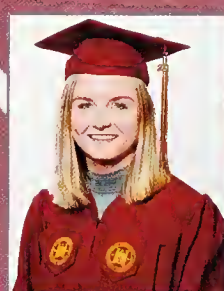
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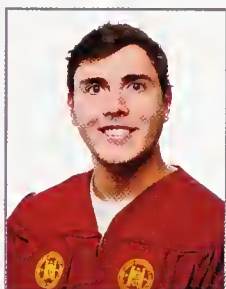
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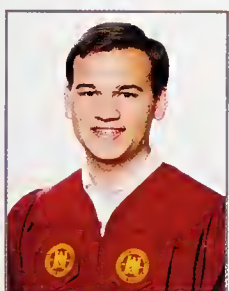
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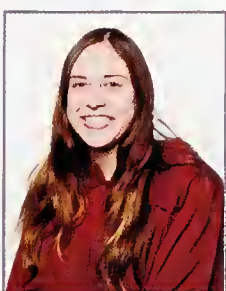
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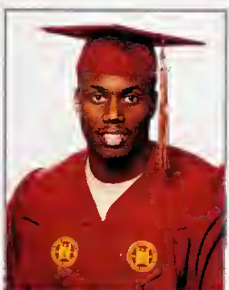
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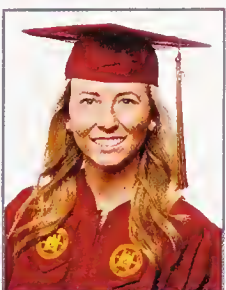
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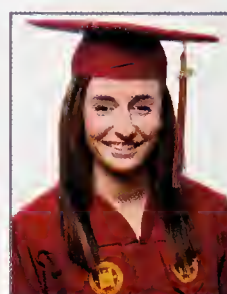
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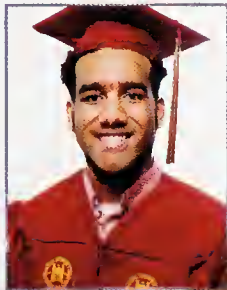
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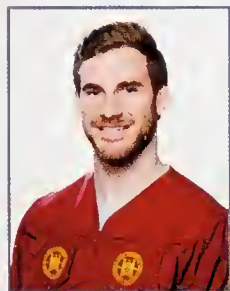
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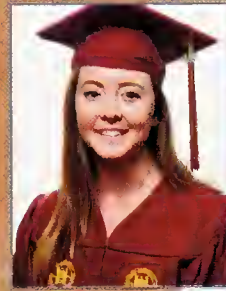
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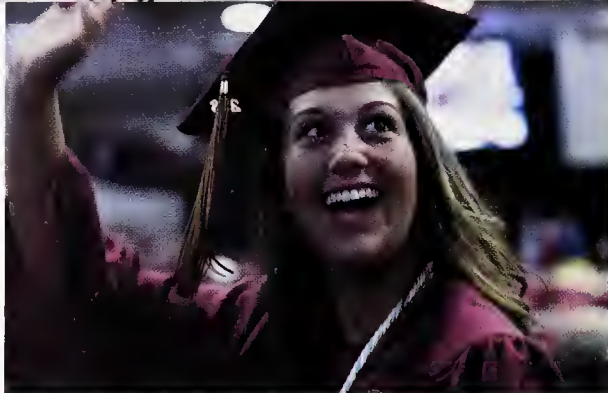
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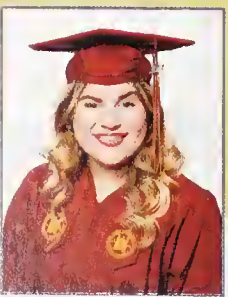
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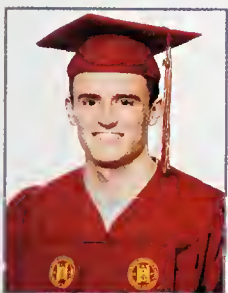
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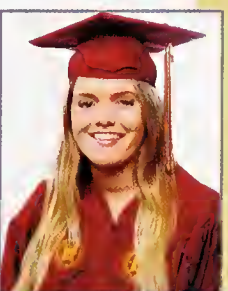
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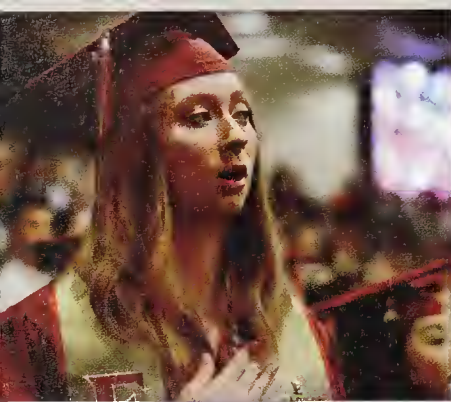
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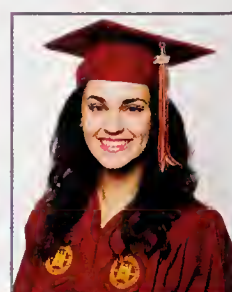
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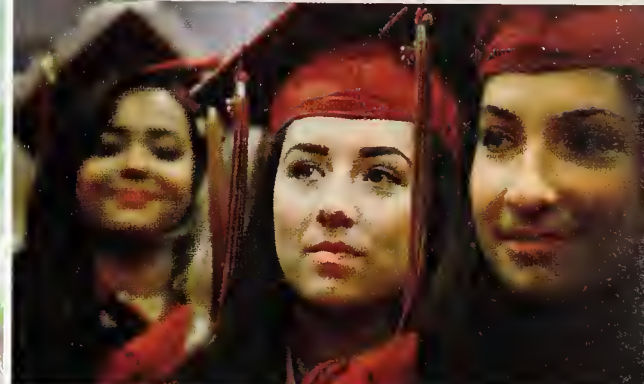
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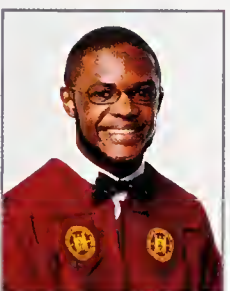
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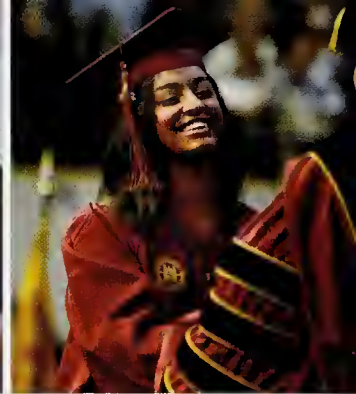
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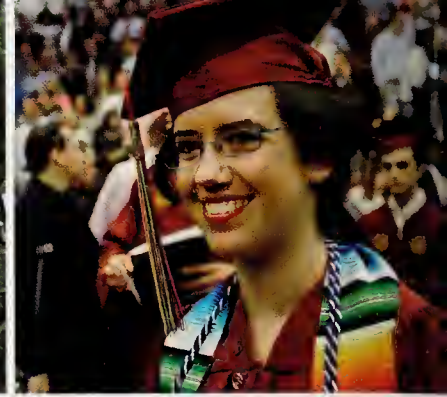
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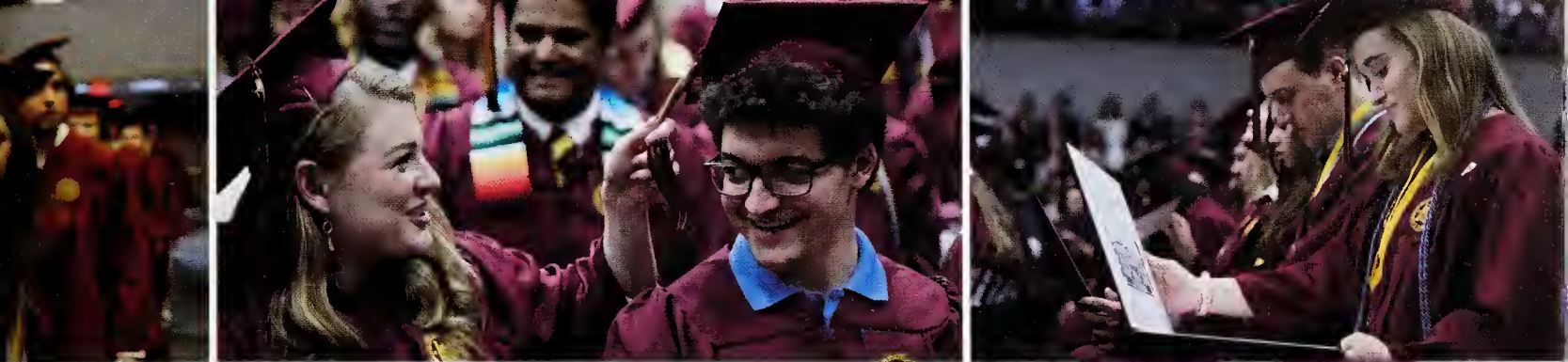
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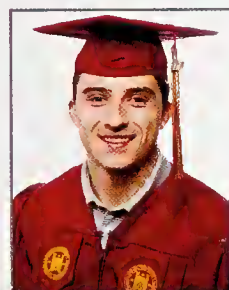
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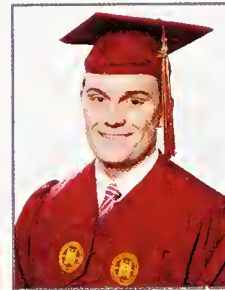
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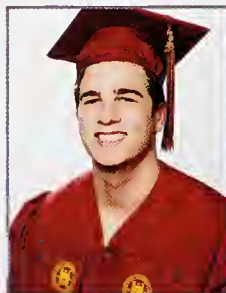
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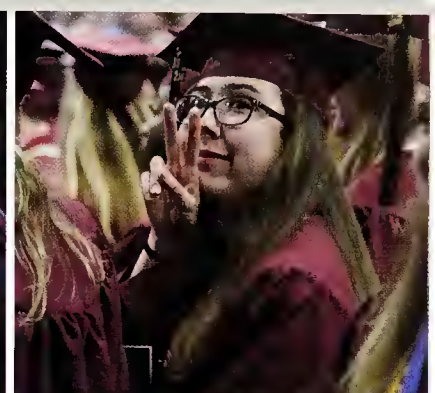
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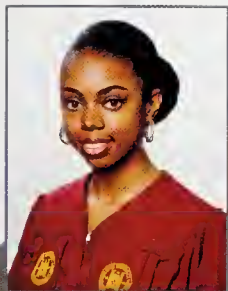
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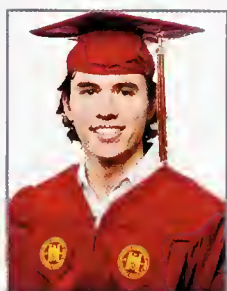
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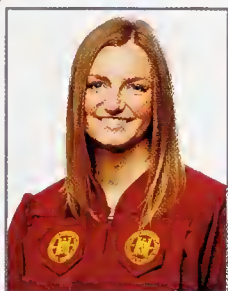
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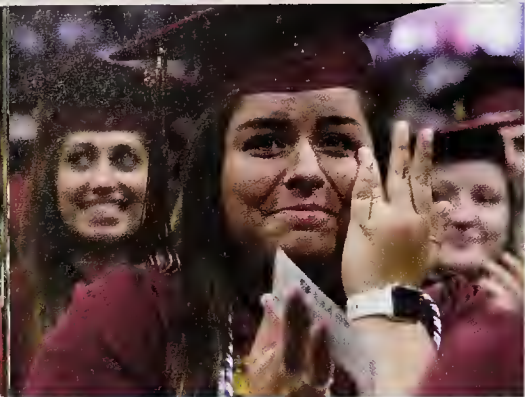
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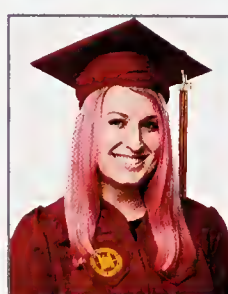
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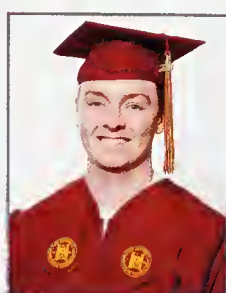
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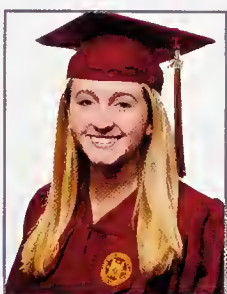
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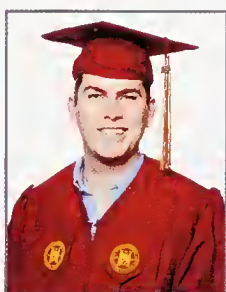
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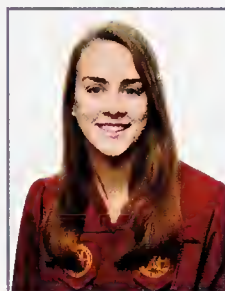
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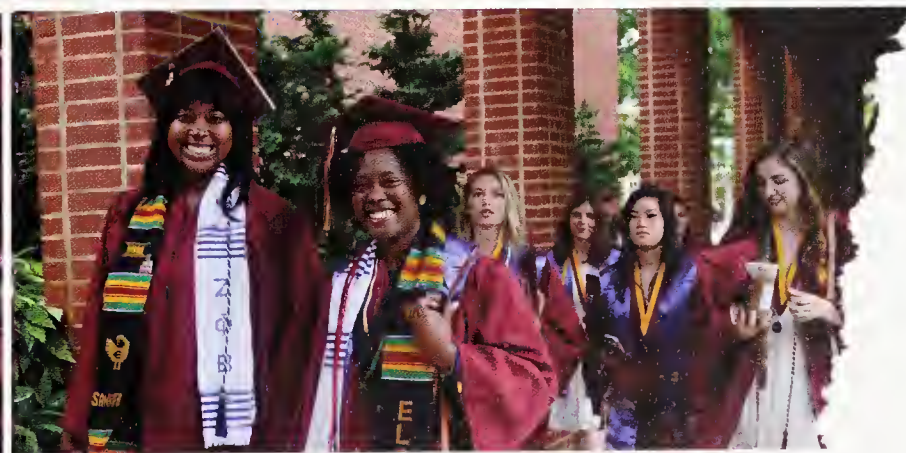
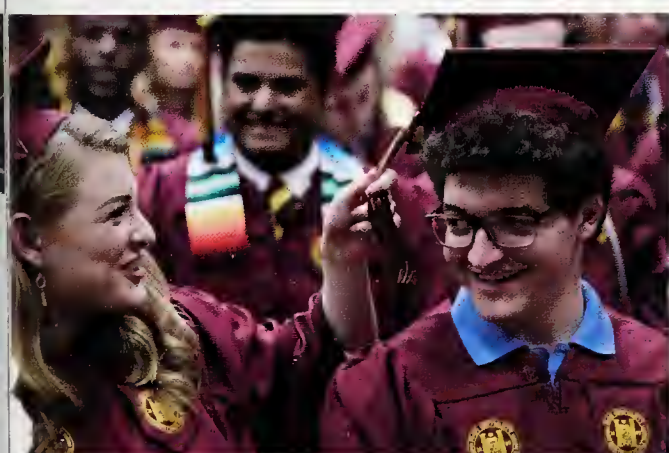
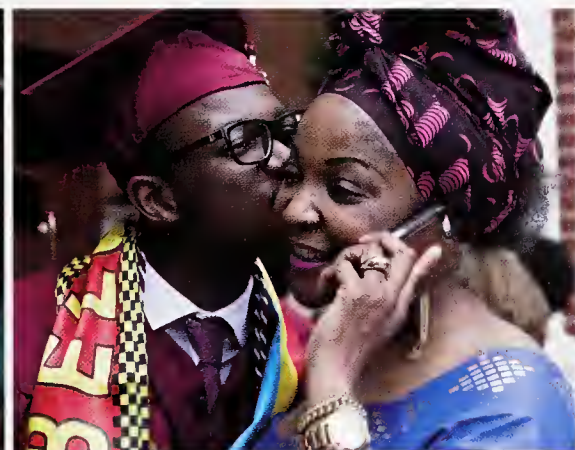
Sons of Elon, daughters too,
Bring their praise and homage true.
In thy keeping there will be
Words and deeds to honor thee.
Hearken to the song they're singing,
And the loyalty they're bringing.
Alma Mater, they will cherish thee;
Alma Mater, they will cherish thee.

Proud, the oak trees on thy hill
Offer shade and shadow still
Green the fields around thee lie;
Blue the Carolina sky.
Stately rise thy halls of learning,
Toward their portals we are turning.
Alma Mater, we will cherish thee;
Alma Mater, we will cherish thee.

Elon, ever lead us on
To a bright and happy dawn;
Teach us still to love and pray,
Guide us to a nobler day.
Joyous music lies before us,
Memories to swell the chorus.
Alma Mater, we will cherish thee;
Alma Mater, we will cherish thee.

fight song

So here's to dear old Elon
Faithful and bold.
Here's to her banner
Of maroon and gold.
And here's to men and women,
Who've come and gone,
Singing the victor's song of old
Elon.





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Kathryn Creech

Kathryn Parker Creech

Congratulations sweet Kate
on your graduation from Elon!
We are so excited for what the
future will bring and stand by
for your next great adventure!
We are always in awe of your
perseverance, courage and
kindness.

Much love,
Mom, Dad and Margaret



Erin Henston

You've come a long way, baby!

Love, Mom & Dad

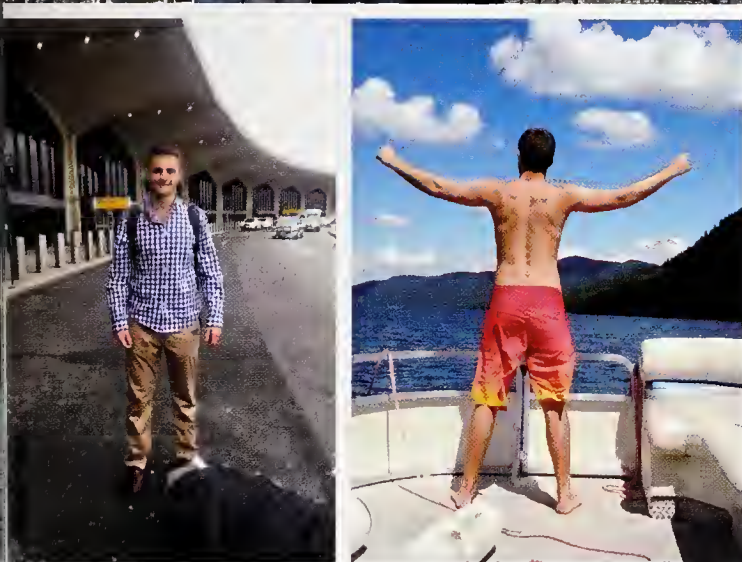
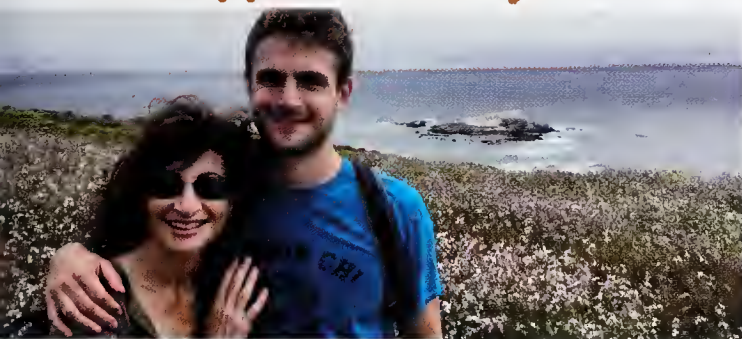


Chase Newman



You did it Chase!
And we're so
proud of you!
The trials,
the triumphs,
all of it, has
strengthened
you, deepened
your faith and
given you gifts
to courageously
summit the high
peaks. Armed
with God, your
empathy and a
brilliant mind,
you are ready
to take on the
world. We are
blessed to have
you as our son
and will always
be here to
support you.
Love, Mom,
Dad, Stetson,
Trent and Lexa

Will Shiebler



Will,
 You are a beautiful soul
 kind and brave
 Continue to touch people as you always have
 your life.
 You bring us such joy and we wish you
 happiness always.
 Love, Mom, Dad and Daniel



Matt Laing



Congrats Matt on a phenomenal undergraduate experience at Elon! You've worked so hard and achieved so much. We wish you every happiness and success on your journey to your doctorate at IU.

We're so proud! Love,
 Mom, Dad & Collin

Kara Jane Brechner



Kara,
 We're proud of you and your accomplishments at Elon, and at the learning abroad and internship experiences it has brought you, too. We love you and support you in your exploration of the trails ahead.

Love from us all, Mom, Dad, Elliot and Josie

Cora Abdoo



"There's nothing you can do that can't be done. Nothing you can sing that can't be sung"

"All you Need is Love" -The Beatles
We wish you much happiness and success in everything you do.

Love Mom, Dad, Keegan & Emma



Jack Landry



Congratulations Jack!

We are all so proud of you on and off the field and your incredible achievements!

We love you #22! Long Live Elon! GO PHOENIX!

Mum, Dad, Addison, Nick, Will, Samantha, Joey & Mr. Gibbs

Psalm 3:5-6



Mariana Kneppers



Congratulations!!!!

Mariana we are thrilled by all your accomplishments and huge successes. No matter what you do with your life, we know you are going to do great things and have a big impact in this world.

Above all, we wish you all the happiness. Keep on smiling.

With all our love Mom, Dad, Tomas and Andrew.



Ryan Cunningham



We are so proud of you and all your many accomplishments at Elon! The future holds bright things for you and we wish you continues success, health and happiness along the way! We love you! Congratulations!

Mom, Dad, Michaela, Julia, Mom-Mom & Grandmom

Charlotte Hinrichs



Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all of your hard work, perseverance and accomplishments. Dad would have been thrilled for you, too, and as you read this, close your eyes and feel his magical hug embracing you.

We love you, Mom and Colin



Conor Hughes



Congratulations Conor! Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Brian and Nolan

William Ellick



Will:

President Lambert noted at convocation the "smorgasbord" being offered to you at Elon. You devoured it by making life-long friends, involving yourself in the community, embracing the love of learning and preparing yourself for the journey ahead. We are so deeply proud of your accomplishments and the wonderful person that you are.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Michael and Bradley

Caroline Stenger



Congratulations, Caroline! You are an amazing person. We are so proud of your hard work and determination. You have so much to look forward to in life. God will watch over you, and we will always be there to help in whatever you choose to do.

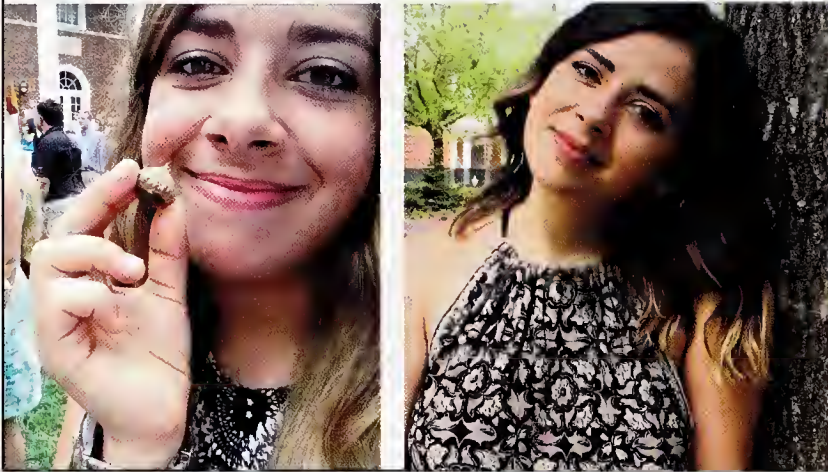
Love, Mom, Dad
& Emily

Olivia Ryan

From the moment you walked onto Elon's Campus as a Leadership Fellow you've been defying gravity as a scholar, The Pendulum Opinions Editor, a Diversity Ambassador, and a member of the Shirley Tempos.

It's been an absolute pleasure watching you grow.

Now it's time to trust your instincts, close your eyes, and leap... Love, Mom, Dad, Eric, Rebecca & Alex



Elizabeth Bilka

Elizabeth, you always knew where you bELONGed!!



Congratulations on successfully completing your four year adventure!
We're so very proud of you, always!

PJ Collins



We are so proud of who you are and all you have achieved @onemanonemic! Congratulations PJ. We know good things are in your future!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Patrick, Ryan & Liam

#Shoutouttothedrivethru

Perry Meade



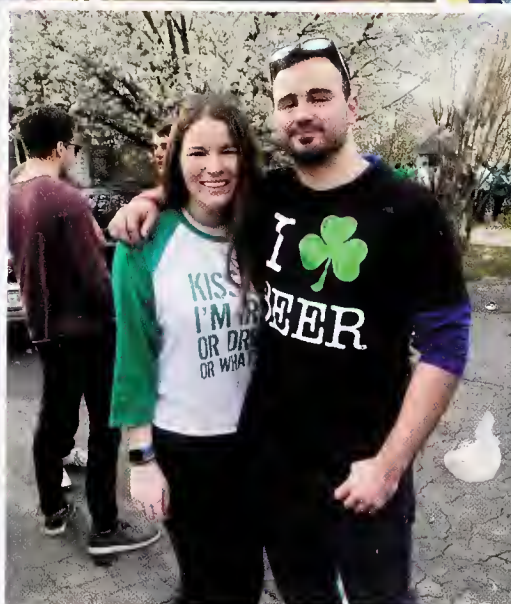
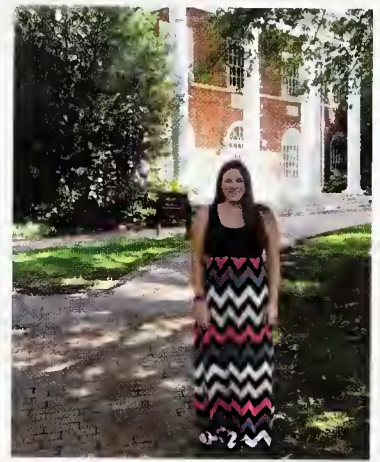
You've come a long way baby!

Congratulations!

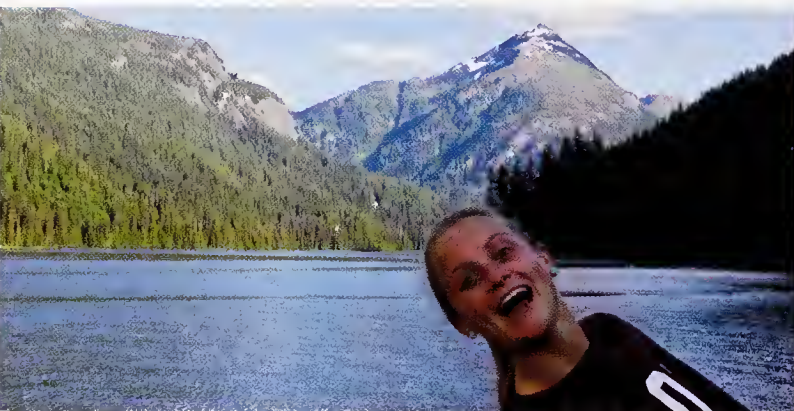
We are so proud of the amazing person you
have become and know you will go far!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Tommy



Mercedes Kent



Congratulations Sunshine! You have had a wonderful experience at Elon. You enjoyed so many amazing adventures which have given you great college memories. I look forward to watching the progress you make in the next chapter of your life. You have a sunny disposition and a con-do attitude. With those attributes you will be unstoppable! Love, Dad

Congratulations on acceptance to Medical School. It's always an adventure Sis always an adventure. I love you more than the color pink and cheese pizza! Mom

Megan Moisand



Congratulations! We are so proud of all your success at Elon. Your future looks very bright and we can't wait for the day we can call you, "Dr. Megan Moisand, DPT"! Love,
Mom, Dad and Josh

Allie Pelligrino



Allie,
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We love you bigger than the sky!
Mom, Dad, Donny, Jessica, John, Nico and Eliana

Olivia Brand



Isn't it amazing what clever girls can do?
- Peter Pan
And just like that... she flew!
Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, Isabella, Dylan and Holly

Sydney Busa



Congratulations Sydney! We are oh so proud of all that you have accomplished, and just love you to the moon and back. Wherever your path leads you, know that our hearts are right there with you, and that we've got your back. Now -- go conquer it all!

Love Mom and Dad

Jer. 29:11

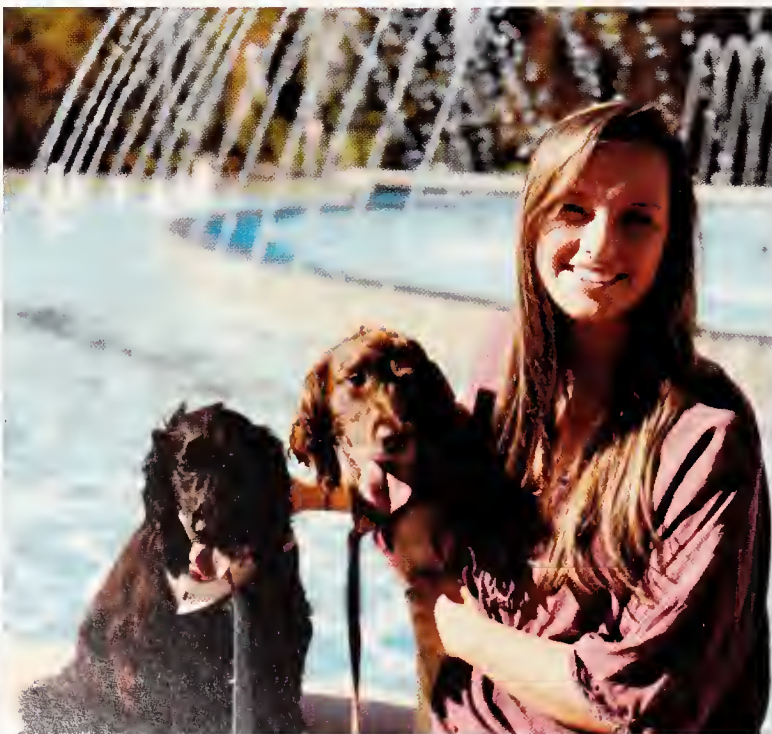
Lauren Westerberg



You have had so many amazing personal & academic accomplishments in such a short time at Elon. We can't wait to see what you have in-store for us in the next chapter of your life as you continue on your journey to Purdue's graduate program. We are so very proud of you!!!!!!

Love, Mom & Jacob

Emily Smart



Congratulations!
We wish you a lifetime of happiness, love and success. We are so very proud of you!
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Caroline & Will

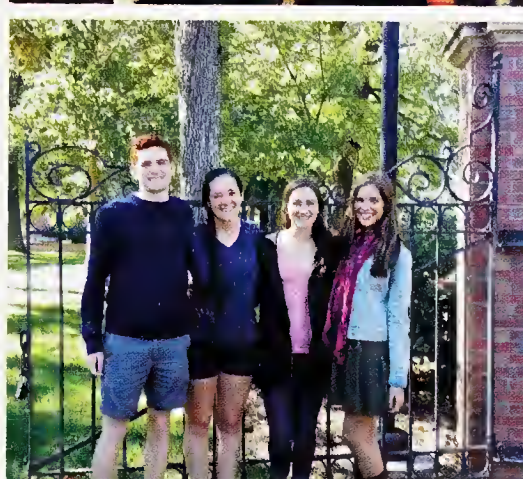
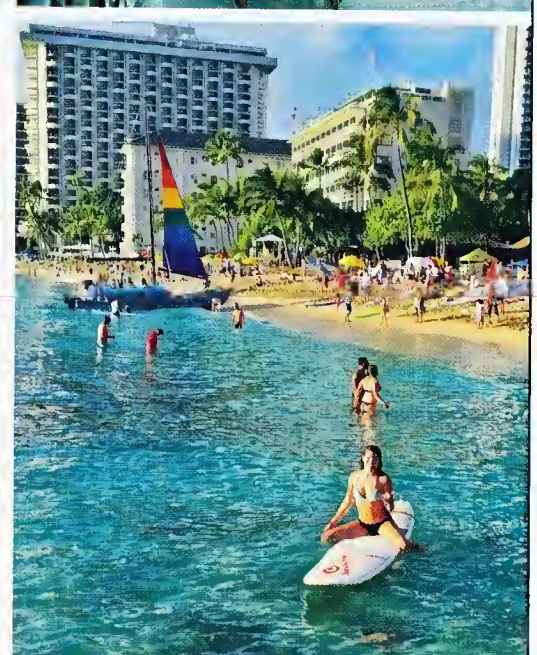
Matthew Cotton



We are so very proud of you, Matt. By working hard at Elon you have surpassed our expectations and achieved so much. Your determination has set you on a path to reach your dreams!

We love you!

Nadia Nobrega



Embrace who you are, and love like a fool. Try not to judge, and never be cruel. Hold your head high, and never look back, give all you can, and never hold back. Laugh like a clown, and cry like the rain. Remember with the price of peace, there sometimes comes pain. Always care for your family, because too soon they're gone. Forgive and forget, and try to live on. Face all your fears, and try to be brave. If you remember love is the answer, then you'll always be saved. Don't compare yourself to others, or you'll always be vain. Remember you're one of God's flowers, and none of them plain. You're the light in our life, and the love in our heart, we knew you were special from the very first start. When we first held you close, and we whispered your name, we knew that our life would never be the same. We love you, our girl, from the very first day, and a team of wild horses couldn't drag us away. So remember these words on your special day, and our special girl you'll always stay.

WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS!! CONGRATULATIONS!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jeff Sansone



CONGRATULATIONS!

From the minute you were born you have brought our entire family pure JOY.
It has been our privilege to be your parents and watch you become the man you are today.
You are bright, ambitious, kind, hardworking and loving.
You are loved beyond measure and we are so very proud of you.
We wish you every happiness and success.
With ALL OUR LOVE,
Mom and Dad

Tyler John McAndrews



Tyler,
We are so proud of your accomplishments
at Elon. Your dedication and drive to
succeed is so admirable and we look
forward to the next chapter in your life.
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Todd Nathan McAndrews



Todd,
Congratulations on your achievements
at Elon these past four years. Hard work
pays off! We are so proud of you!
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Jordan Hunter



Watching you become the person you are today has taken our
breath away. We could never have imagined how much you would
accomplish at this point, how far you would travel, how independent,
strong, intelligent and humble you would be. How truly beautiful
inside and our and how you would generously share that with your
family and special friends in your life and ones you have yet to meet.
WHO you have become was so unpredictable and yet so who you
were meant to be!

Elon University had been a tremendous nurturing environment for you
to develop and gain greater confidence to use your gifts to the best of
your ability always to help other people.

We are grateful and humbled to be your parents and look forward to
the next chapter in your life and ours!

Hannah Sullivan



Hannah-

All of your life you have been outgoing and chose to take chances. Opportunities are something you seek out. We believe you will be successful, because you are curious and hard work means something to you. Stand tall, hold your head high, and continue to believe in yourself. We admire you and are so proud of who you have become.

We love you always...

Mom, Dad and Tim

Elliot Eisen



Elliot,
You have navigated your life in ways that make us so proud! Your hard work, dedication and philanthropic heart will always pave a path of success and fulfillment.

Congratulations on your many achievements during your time at Elon. We love you!!

Mom, Dad and Averì.

Kevin Goggins



Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished thus far. Best wishes for a future filled with adventure.

Enjoy the journey!

Love Always,

Mom, Dad, Caroline and Billy

Abigail Godfrey



"The lax girl from Colorado crushed it!"
We love you very much, Mom and Dad

Francesca "Franki" Filandro



Congratulations! Being the Founder of Elon's Delta Sigma Pi Chapter and receiving the Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows Award, are just two of your many amazing accomplishments at Elon. We are so proud of you and wish you continued success. Remember to keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!

All our love,
Mommy, Daddy, Ford &
Chase

Madison A. Mordoh



"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead."

--Louisa May Alcott



Madison, we are so proud of all you have accomplished these past four years. Your warm smile and sunny disposition brighten the days of everyone you meet. You have grown into such a strong and beautiful woman, and we know that your hard work will lead to a happy and successful future.

Love -- Mom, Sydney & Leo



Josh Pittman

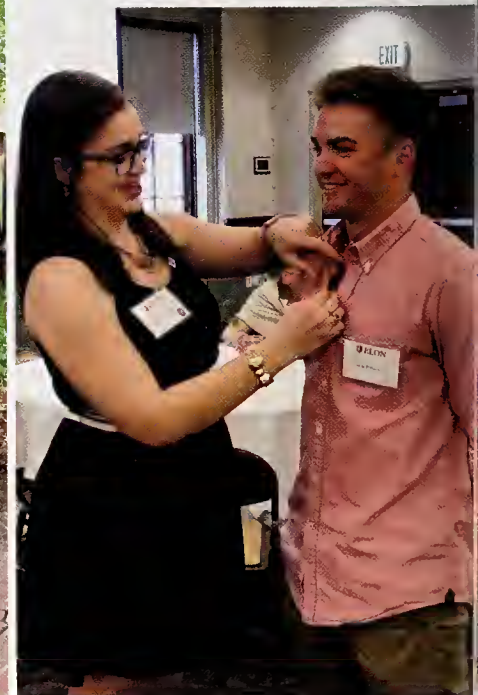
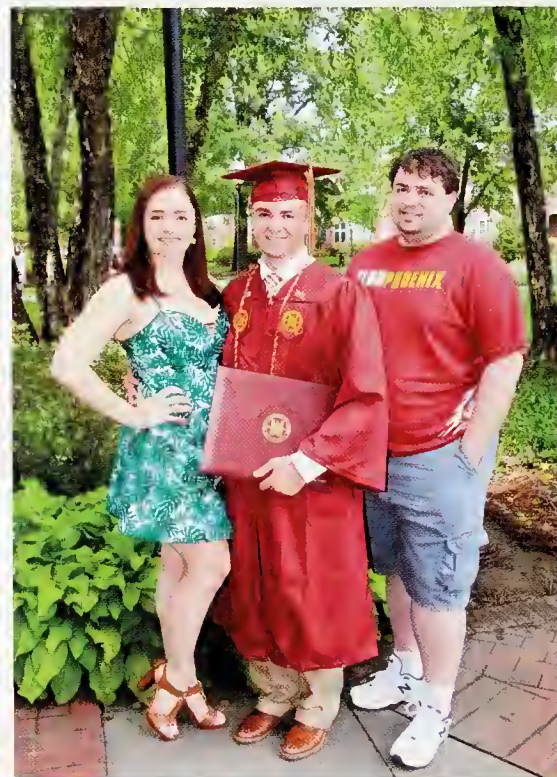
You've come to the end of one journey – and are poised to start a new one.

The journey began at Forbes Elementary, and continued through Central Catholic High School. Now with your Elon years behind you, it's time to move into the next phases of life: Adulthood; Grad School; Professional life.

Know always that we are here to love and support you as your journey continues.

Congratulations on your graduation!
We're very proud of you!

-- Dad, Mom, Tim, and Stephanie '17



Jacob Bloom



We are so proud of you and the man that you have become. Always stay happy, confident, and ready to accept any challenges. We are ALWAYS here to support you. We love you so much.

HAPPY GRADUATION

Love,
Mom, Dad, Evan, and Mitchell



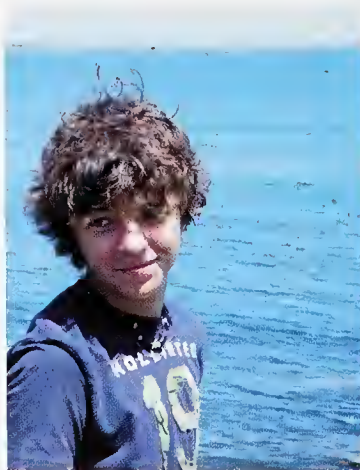
Nathan Abel Mojica



We are proud of everything you have accomplished
and are excited to see you compose the
next chapter of your life!

You are a shining example to your brothers.

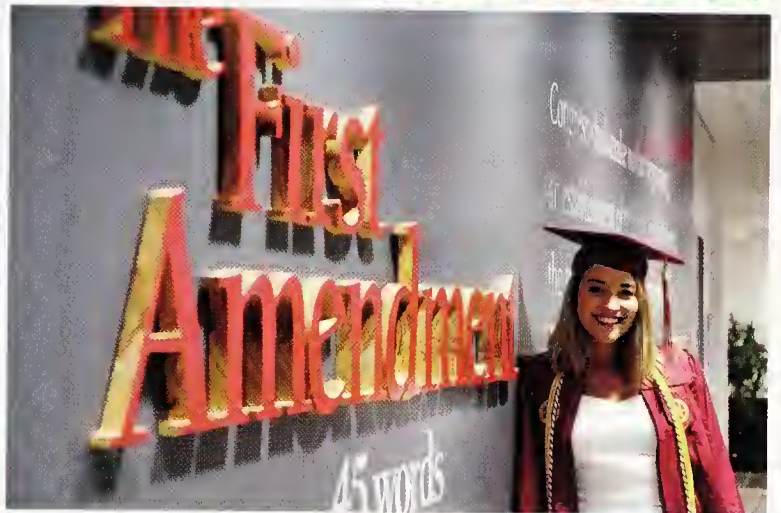
Love, Mom & Dad



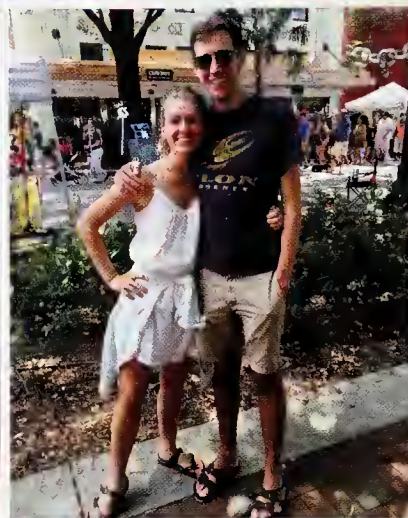
Jackie Pascale

Way back in 2004, when you were just 10 years old, you were given a unique opportunity to spend time behind the scenes at NBC news, which started your career aspirations. Throughout high school and college, your hard work, determination and long dedicated hours to the field of journalism, has brought your dreams to fruition, a reporter with the NBC family! I am so proud of you, as are all your family and friends. You have already accomplished so much and we cannot wait to see how the next chapter of your life will unfold.

All my love to you Jackie, Mom



Spencer Wagner

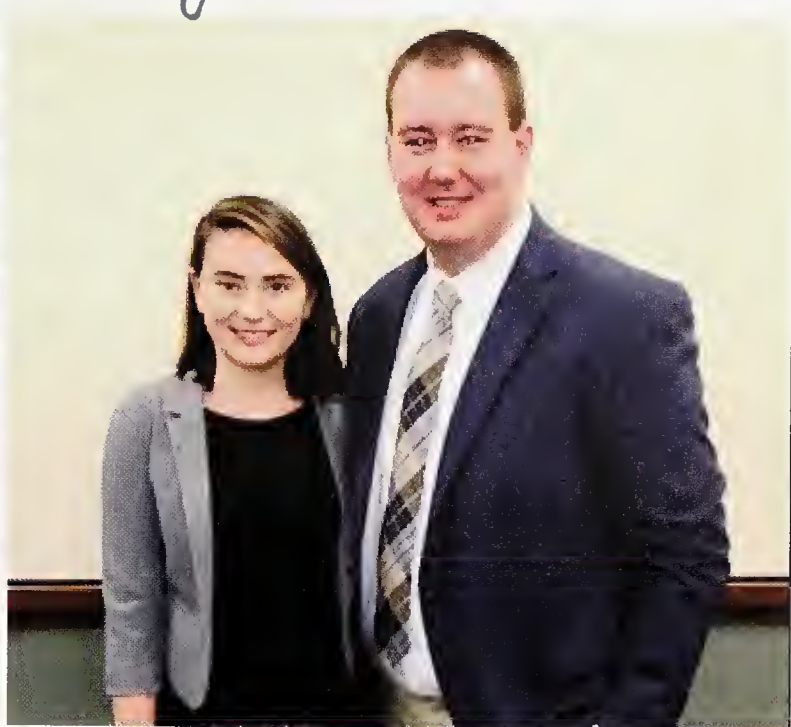


You toured many colleges before stepping foot onto Elon's campus. With that first step under the oaks, we knew you were going to Elon. You were so positive about everything Elon. We are very proud of how involved you were throughout your four years, and for making the most of your Elon experience(s). You stayed active, made great friends, got to know your professors, Dr. Lambert, and even, albeit briefly, Dr. Book. You also worked hard, established a rock-solid foundation and we absolutely know you will continue to build positive experiences upon it. Congratulations Spencer!

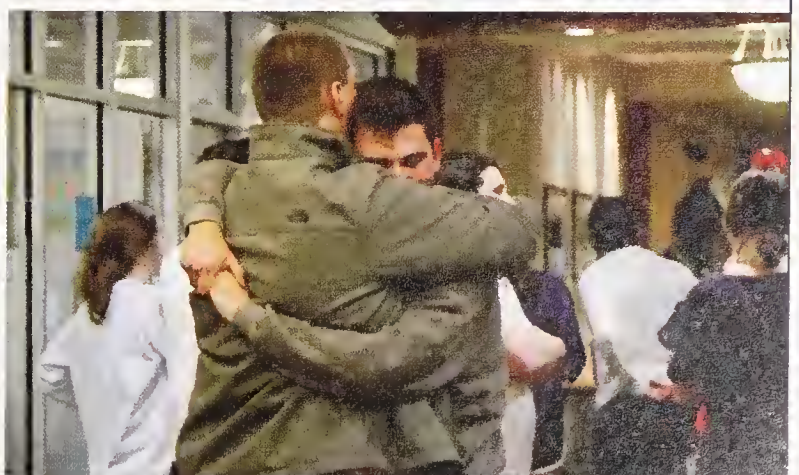
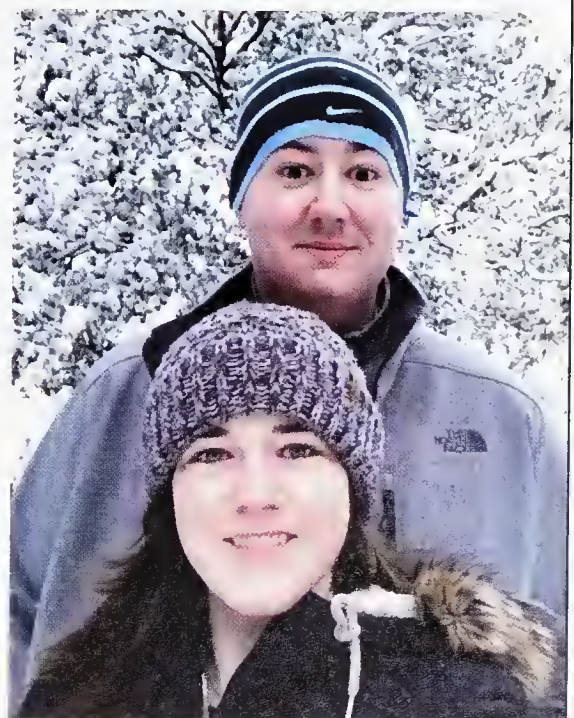
Love, Mom, Dad and Jackson



Nick Everage



Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.





Elizabeth Domeck

To our favorite graduate, Elizabeth Ann Domeck:

We can still remember that very first day you walked onto the bus to go to kindergarten. And now you are marching into your college graduation. No family could be prouder, no family could love their daughter and sister more. No family could wish you all the joy and happiness and success that you so richly deserve.

Way to go, Tizzie!!

Mom, Dad, Wesley and the pups
 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Stephanie Hays



LAUREN DUNCAN | VIDEO/PHOTO QUEEN



STEPHANIE HAYS | POLAROID AFICIONADO



I REALLY DON'T EVEN KNOW | IT'S A MYSTERY



KLARISSA KRONSCHNABEL | THE FUNNIEST MOST NICHE PERSON I'VE EVER MET



I'M EMBARRASSED THAT I DON'T REMEMBER | ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TOP PHOTO

*Thanks for the best senior year
anyone could ask for.
Sending much love to you all!*

Clockwise from top left:

Emma Flaherty, Bear Tosé, Kaylyn Brock, Emily Bell, Stephanie Hays, Daniela Ceron and Victoria Oakley smile in Alamance Fountain during the senior fountain photos May 15.

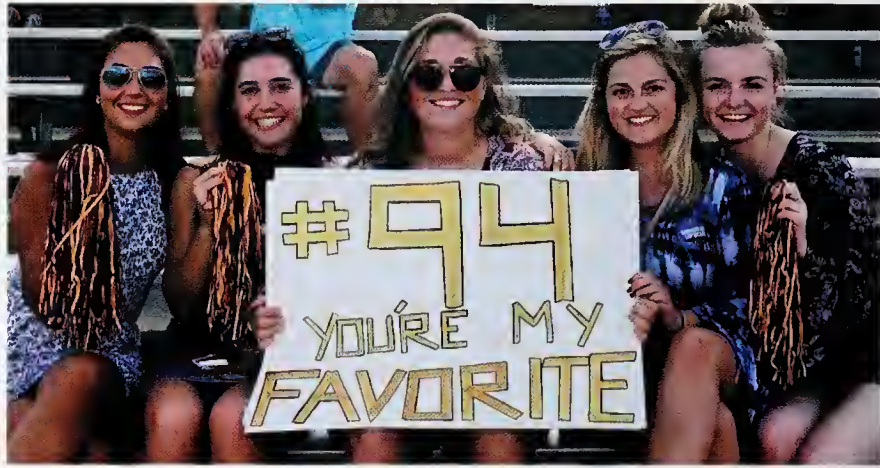
Polaroids and photobooth pictures of Kaylyn Brock, Emily Bell, Stephanie Hays, Emma Flaherty, Victoria Oakley and Lauren Duncan from the Senior Gala May 16.

Victoria Oakley, Deirdre Kronschnabel and Stephanie Hays laugh before a night out in Raleigh Jan. 19 (?).

Stephanie Hays, Breanna Coughlin and Kaylyn Brock stand near the sign outside of their freshman-year dorm, Isabella Cannon Pavilion May 15.

Kaylyn Brock, Emily Bell, Emma Flaherty, Stephanie Hays and Victoria Oakley stand near Lake Mary Nell over Homecoming Weekend Nov. 4.

Erin Bishop



Elon has given me so much to be thankful for. I want to say thank you to a few people who have really supported me along the way. Thank you to my professors and my family for challenging me intellectually and supporting me during my journey. Thank you to the Autism Speaks U executive board for helping me rebuild the organization and bringing Temple Grandin to campus.

Thank you, Lindsey, for always being there for me and for continuously inspiring me to be a better me. Thank you, Yasmeen & Rebecca. I may have only met you two during my last year at Elon, but you have both been such a blessing in my life - I'm going to miss our Chili's dates. Thank you, Dario, for bringing so much laughter into my life and for keeping my life exciting since the Staley Hall days. Thank you, Drew, for being my rock, my best friend and so much more. I only wish that I had met you sooner. Thank you, Sarah, for being my best friend since freshman year and being there for me during both my best and hardest moments.

Leo M. Lambert



Can't hardly believe that 19 years have already passed
and you are starting your next great adventure.
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished!

Congratulations, Dr. Lambert!

Love always,

The Class of 2018
Long Live Elon!







"Do the
best you
can always,
no matter
what it is.
Leave your mark,
your imprint,
and feel proud for
having done it."

-Susie De Pavia

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CAPTION: Members of the Fire of the Carolinas Marching Band entertain attendees during Rock the Block on Nov. 3. (Photo by University Communications).

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CAPTION: Senior Malaya Johnson smiles during a pre-game huddle prior to the women's basketball team's first round NCAA Tournament game on March, 16, 2018. While the Phoenix fell to N.C. State 62-35, the team had a superb 2017-18 campaign overall, tallying a 25-8 record. (Photo by University Communications).

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CAPTION: During a special College Coffee, the Elon community gathered in Alumni Gym on Feb. 27, 2018, to recognize President Leo M. Lambert and Laurie Lambert for their 19 years of service to the university. Lambert officially concluded his service as president the next day. (Photo by University Communications).

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CAPTION: On her first day as Elon University president, Connie Book had a jam-packed schedule meeting students, faculty and staff across the campus. This included a gathering in the Global Commons, where she posed for photos. (Photo by University Communications).

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Elon University's Phi Psi Cli yearbook printed its 103rd edition this year. Books were printed by Balfour Yearbooks in Dallas, Texas. Students were able to purchase the yearbook for the fourth time this year for \$66. The university purchased 200 books for campus use.

The 2018 theme, "Leave Your Mark," was chosen by the editor-in-chief to recognize those we leave our marks on, all of those who leave their marks on us, and the way in which Phi Psi Cli captures those marks each year. This year's book is meant to encompass everything that made Elon what it was in 2018 for students, faculty and staff to remember for years to come.

The staff used six Macintosh desktops, two Nikon D80 cameras, and personally owned machines and equipment to produce the book. Programs included InDesign, Photoshop and Microsoft Word. The 9-inch by 12-inch cover is constructed of 4-color lithocote gloss lamination. The front and back endsheets use a 4-color process coated on one side. Primary fonts used were Lemon Tuesday, News Cycle and Courier.

Each section of the book is indicated by a newspaper spread. This treatment indicated the following sections: August & September, October & November, December & January, February & March, and April & May. The color palette of the 2018 book consists of eight different colors that can be seen throughout the publication.

Stuart Jones photographed all seniors on designated photo days throughout the year. Pictures on all pages were either submitted by the Elon community or obtained by a Phi Psi Cli staff member.

The staff of Phi Psi Cli would like to thank all those who made this book possible including, but not limited to: students who submitted pictures and stories, the Media Board for its guidance, and our advisor, Tommy Kopetskie, for his continued support and wisdom. We would also like to thank our Balfour representatives. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

This book is dedicated to everyone who left a significant mark on bringing this book to life: To my high school yearbook teacher who told me I had to do yearbook in college, to Elon for giving me the platform to leave my mark, to Tommy for trusting me to run wild with my ideas, to Kim for leaving big shoes to fill and for inspiring me to fill them, to my staff for helping my vision come to life, to Sammi for letting yearbook take over the floor of our apartment with only slight hesitation, to my family for helping me test my wings and for being there when I fell, and to those who showed me nothing but patience, love and grace along the way. This book would be nothing without each and every one of you.

This book tells the story of bittersweet endings and new beginnings, resilience and grit, and hope and faith. Congratulations to the Class of 2018. Thank you for trusting me to capture the marks you all have made on this place we call home.

You happen to stumble across this, I hope you enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed making it. I did it justice. Until next time ... that's a wrap. This one is for you. — Laurel Wind '19





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